

Membership Committee - Rescheduled

Thursday, September 30, 2021

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

VIA ZOOM & [YouTube](#)

Virtual Meeting [Protocols](#)

Summary Draft

Members Present: Dr. Hyacinth McKee, Kim Basile, Randall Brown, Bambi Polotzola, RaShad Bristo

Council Members: Brenda Cosse'

Staff: Brenton Andrus, Ebony Haven, Shandrell Stewart, Amy Deaville, Hannah Jenkins

Guests: Lynsey Hebert (Transcriptionist), Ashley McReynolds, Katelyn Castleberry, Kathleen Cannino, Kelly Monroe, Kristie Curtis, Christina Martin, Charles Michel, Nicole Flores, Bridget Bergeron, Christi Gonzales, Susan Riehn, Karen Artus, Mylinda Elliott, Corhonda Corley

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. RaShad Bristo made a motion to accept the revised agenda, which included the rescheduled meeting date and time, as well as Roman Numerals for agenda items. The motion was seconded by Randall Brown. In a roll call vote, the motion passed with one objection.

Committee Member, Bambi Polotzola expressed that she does not agree with individually scoring/rating the membership applicants in a public format, as indicated in the membership committee meeting protocols, and suggested doing that part in executive session. Dr. McKee (Chair) noted the comment and said that it was done publicly at the last two membership committee meetings. Committee Member, Kim Basile, expressed her support of Bambi's comment. After some discussion, Dr. McKee said that they needed to use the process currently in place and suggestions can be made at a later time for future Membership Committee Meetings.

Committee Members reviewed LaDDC's [Virtual Meeting Protocols](#) as well as two (2) letters from the Administration on Community Living regarding council membership requirements:

- [Letter to the Council from the Administration on Community Living, January 15, 2020](#)
[Letter to the Council from the Administration on Community Living, May 20, 2019](#)

Review of Applicants

Dr. Hyacinth McKee (Chair) went over the protocol for the Committee Membership Meeting. Amy Deaville, Executive Director reviewed the demographics of the current council membership and the demographics needed to stay in compliance with the DD Act.

Interviews were conducted with fifteen (15) applicants across the state. Each applicants' name and region was posted. Each committee member (interviewer) then stated their rubric score for each applicant they were assigned to interview in four categories on a scale between 1 and 5 (5 being outstanding and 1 being poor) including:

1. Fully supports the values of the DD Act
2. Familiar with the Council and understands and supports its purpose
3. Has the capacity to be a strong systems change advocate
4. Demonstrates leadership qualities

Scores were recorded and tallied for each applicant.

Motion Passed

A motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Randall Brown, for Logan Davis, Vivienne Webb and Chaney Guidry to be recommended to the Full Council to fill three (3) self-advocate seats on the Council. Motion passed without objection, no abstentions.

Motion Passed

A motion by RaShad Bristo, seconded by Randall Brown, to submit Kimona Hogan, Angela Harmon and Christi Gonzalez to the Full Council for consideration. Motion passed without objection, no abstentions.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by RaShad Bristo at 9:33 a.m.