

July 21, 2022
Meeting Summary – Motions Only

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Banks
Patti Barovechio, OPH
Kim Basile
Melissa Bayham, LRS
Brenda Cosse'
Cheri Crain, GOEA
Jill Egle
Christi Gonzales
Chaney Guidry
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Jill Hano
Angela Harmon
Roslyn Hymel
Meredith Jordan, LDOE
Hyacinth McKee
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Tory Rocca, DRLA
Mary Tarver
Vivienne Webb
Phil Wilson, LSU-HDC

MEMBERS ABSENT

RaShad Bristo
Mitch Iddins
Melinda Richard, OAAS
Matthew Rovira
Crystal White

STAFF PRESENT

Marilee Andrews
Brenton Andrus
Rekeesha Branch
Amy Deaville
Ebony Haven

Hannah Jenkins
Lauren Brown

GUESTS PRESENT

Brenda Bares
Kathleen Cannino
Corhonda Corley
Harlon Cowsar
Kristie Curtis
Lillian DeJean
Sharon Delvisco
Kandice Dequeant
Kathy Dwyer
Mylanda Elliott
Nicole Flores
Julie Folse
Liz Gary
Stacey Guidry
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Mary Jacob
Katie Kroes
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian
Tara Leblanc, HSF
Charlie Michel
Christina Martin
Ashley McReynolds
Kelly Monroe
Davelyn Patrick
Susan Riehn
Jodi Rollins
Sherlyn Sullivan, OAAS
Marilyn Thornton

Vice Chair Nicole Banks called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. with a quorum present.

The [April 2022 Meeting Summary](#) was approved by unanimous consent.

Passed. Motion to change agenda to add a Public Comment period at the beginning of the agenda. Motion by Dr. Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Vivienne Webb. No objections or abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair was absent from meeting. No Chairperson's report was given at the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & BUDGET REPORT

Both reports given by Executive Director

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Given by the Chairs of the respective Committees

Motions from the Membership Ad Hoc Committee:

Passed. Motion that Erick Taylor and Maria Casserta be recommended for Governor Appointment as self-advocate members of the DD Council and that Brooke Stewart and Renoda Washington be recommended for Governor Appointment as parent advocates to the DD Council.

Motion passed by unanimous approval.

Passed. Motion that the Membership Ad Hoc committee conduct a full committee interview with the non-profit applicants for the purpose of deciding their candidate. Following their meeting where they make the final decision, Full Council gives approval to the Membership Ad Hoc Committee to forward that recommendation for Governor Appointment.

There were two objections to the motion. Motion passed in a roll call vote (13 yes/5 no votes)

Motions from Education and Employment Committee and forwarded to Full Council for approval:

Motion #1: Motion that the Developmental Disabilities Council pursues an opinion from the Attorney General on open meetings law re: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance to ensure all public meetings offer every available accommodation for individuals with disabilities to participate.

Passed with no objections or abstentions.

Motion #2: Motion to continue with the customized employment contract (Activity 3.2.1) and allow The Arc of LA to redirect from customized employment certification to the Customized Employment Gateway Training. Passed with no objections, 1 abstention.

Motion from Education/Employment Committee:

Passed. The Developmental Disabilities Council write a letter to Civil Service expressing concerns regarding the starting pay and range for the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) staff and disability determination staff with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and request an increase in the starting pay and range. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Standing Council Member Reports:

Bureau of Health Services – Financing

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Office of Public Health

Department of Education

Break for lunch at 12:12 pm.

Passed. Motion by Roslyn Hymel, seconded by Bambi Polotzola to name Kim Basile the Chair Pro Tempore. No objections or abstentions, motion passed by unanimous consent.

Standing Council Member Reports (cont.):

Office of Aging and Adult Services

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

Disability Rights Louisiana

LSUHSC – Human Development Center

By unanimous consent, the DD Council April Quarterly meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.