

**July 21, 2022**  
**Meeting Summary – Motions Only**

**8:30 A.M.**

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**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  
Mylinda 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.

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## 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

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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.