

October 20, 2022
Meeting Summary – Motions Only

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

RaShad Bristo
Nicole Banks
Patti Barovechio, OPH
Kim Basile
Melissa Bayham, LRS
Brenda Cosse'
Cheri Crain, GOEA
Jill Egle
Christi Gonzales
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Jill Hano
Angela Harmon
Meredith Jordan, LDOE
Hyacinth McKee
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Melinda Richard, OAAS
Tory Rocca, DRLA
Brooke Stewart
Erick Taylor
Renoda Washington
Vivienne Webb
Mary Tarver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chaney Guidry
Matthew Rovira
Roslyn Hymel
Phil Wilson, LSU-HDC

STAFF PRESENT

Hannah Jenkins
Brenton Andrus
Rekeesha Branch
Amy Deaville
Ebony Haven
Lauren Brown

GUESTS PRESENT

Libby Airhart
Mylanda Elliott
Susan Riehn
Ashley McReynolds
Corlis Gremillion
Christina Martin
Erin Downing
Rachel Hausmann
Corhonda Corley
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian
Kathy Dwyer
Brenda Bares
Kelly Monroe
Kristie Curtis
Richard Howze
Isral Duke
Mollie Tinnin
Davelyn Patrick
Leona Harris
Kristen Reed
James Alt
Liz Gary
Lillian DeJean
Nicole DeJean
Nicole Flores
Charlie Michel
Mimi Webb
Shannon Bibbins
Matthew Wallace
Caroline Meehan
Bernard Brown
Stacey Guidry
Marilyn Thornton
Konstance Causey
Karen Artus
Brian Bennett
Jim Sprinkle

Chair RaShad Bristo called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. with a quorum present.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson's Report was given by RaShad Bristo.

Motions from Executive Committee:

Passed. Executive Committee moved to accept the YLF Committee's recommendation of Families Helping Families of Acadiana to be the contractor for the Youth Leadership Forum.

Kim Basile abstained from vote due to sitting on FHF Bayou Land Board. No objections. Motion passed.

Legislative Advocacy Agenda:

1. Executive Committee moves for LaDDC to provide advocacy surrounding "Funding for Hygiene/Incontinent products for adults to be covered by Medicaid (briefs, diapers, diaper cream, lotions, gloves, etc.)". No objections or abstentions. **Motion passed.**
2. Executive Committee moves "Change open meeting law to increase representation of individuals with I/DD and ensure diversity of public bodies and change open meetings law to include hybrid meetings as a standard means of public input for the I/DD community in the legislative advocacy agenda." No objections, Jill Hano abstains. **Motion passed.**
3. The Education and Employment committee moves that the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council add additional funding of \$3M for the post-secondary inclusive education fund to the 2023 Legislative Advocacy Agenda. No objections or abstentions. **Motion passed.**
4. Bambi Polotzola moves to add to advocate for recurring, sustainable funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Center in the total amount of \$1,007,517.00. Vivienne Webb seconded. Kim Basile abstained, no objections. **Motion passed.**

Executive Committee motions that the full council receives training on DEI practices by April of 2023 and that it become a mandatory training for new members of the Council. No objections or abstentions. **Motion passed.**

Executive Committee motions that the by-laws be reviewed to include that we have language that is inclusive of diversity, equity and inclusion practices, specifically as it relates for members to hold seats on the Council. No objections or abstentions. **Motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & BUDGET REPORT

Both reports given by Executive Director

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS



SELF-DETERMINATION ♦ INDEPENDENCE ♦ PRODUCTIVITY ♦ INTEGRATION ♦ INCLUSION

Given by the Chairs of the respective Committees

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

The Education and Employment committee recommends that the La Developmental Disabilities Council sign-on to the letter that the La Commission for the Deaf will send to the Special School District regarding investigating the list of concerns. Julie Foster Hagan and Patti Barovechio and Melinda Richard abstain, no objections. **Motion passed.**

Standing Council Member Reports:

Office of Public Health

Office of Aging and Adult Services

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Break for lunch at 12:00 pm.

Standing Council Member Reports (cont.):

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

Department of Education

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

Bureau of Health Services – Financing

Disability Rights Louisiana

By unanimous consent, the DD Council October Quarterly meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.