

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
Executive Director Meeting
April 29th, 2021

CHRIS RODRIQUEZ: Hi. This is Chris.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Hey, Chris.

CHRIS RODRIQUEZ: Are we getting started at 8:30?

BRENTON ANDRUS: That's the plan. We're waiting to get a quorum and working out some technology issues with Randall. So just give us a second.

RANDALL BROWN: Good morning, Brenton. It's 8:34. Do we have a quorum present?

BRENTON ANDRUS: I'm working on it now. If everyone could please turn on their cameras. We do not have a quorum yet. I think Ms. Cosse, are you on? Can you turn your camera on? Also Ms. Polotzola, are you on? Can you turn your camera on? All right. We have Bambi.

MITCH IDDINS: Randall. This is Mitch. Can you see me?

RANDALL BROWN: No, sir. I can hear you. But I can't see you.

ROSLYN HYMEL: We're having problems with me. I was trying so hard.

RANDALL BROWN: You're okay. I can see and hear you, Roslyn. Good morning.

BRENTON ANDRUS: You should have a quorum now, sir.

RANDALL BROWN: Okay. Thank you. Good morning everyone and welcome to this special session meeting of the council for the selection of our next executive director. And so the first order of business today is a simple one. I need a motion for the council to move, the entire council to move into executive session so that we can begin the discussions and interview process for the three candidates this morning.

MITCH IDDINS: I make the motion, Randall, that we move into executive session.

RANDALL BROWN: Thank you, sir. Do we have a second?

ROSLYN HYMEL: I could second it.

RANDALL BROWN: Thank you, Roslyn. A motion from Mitch and a second from Roslyn for the council to move into executive session to begin the interviews for the three selected candidates this morning.

ROSLYN HYMEL: Excuse me, Randall, for a second. I will be on the move again. I will catch up with y'all again.

RANDALL BROWN: Okay. Thanks for letting me know. Thank you.

ROSLYN HYMEL: All right. You're welcome.

STEVEN NGUYEN: This is Steven. I have a question.

RANDALL BROWN: Yes.

STEVEN NGUYEN: Is there a link that's already been sent out?

RANDALL BROWN: Yes. Brenton sent an email.

BRENTON ANDRUS: I sent it on Monday. And I just resent a link for the executive session only. The link you accessed to get on this morning, keep that handy cause you'll need that when we come back to the public meeting. I just sent an email for the executive session.

ROSLYN HYMEL: Excuse me on that one. I did not get it because of my tablet.

RANDALL BROWN: Did you get the email from Monday?

ROSLYN HYMEL: Can you send it to me in the chat boxes. I would appreciate that. Cause I didn't get it. Thank you.

RANDALL BROWN: Okay. We'll work on that. So there's a motion on the floor for Mitch and seconded by Roslyn to move to executive session. Does anyone abstain from the motion? Is there any objection to the motion? Hearing no objection, we will move into executive session to begin the first of the three interviews we have to conduct today. And we will return to public forum as soon as we have a decision this afternoon. And I believe--.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Roslyn, I just sent you the link directly in your chat. I just need to make sure you got it before we end this meeting to move onto the next link.

ROSLYN HYMEL: Yeah. Thank you. I do have it.

RANDALL BROWN: So that's the email you click on now to move over to the executive session Roslyn. And everyone check your emails for the executive session link. Thank you. We'll see you over there.

{Executive Session}

BRENTON ANDRUS: So if all council members could turn their cameras on so we can make sure we have a quorum, please.

MITCH IDDINS: Randall, this is Mitch. I'm trying to figure out how to get my video back on. I don't know what I'm doing here.

RANDALL BROWN: I can see and hear you, sir.

MITCH IDDINS: You can see me?

RANDALL BROWN: Yes.

MITCH IDDINS: Okay. Good.

RANDALL BROWN: Okay. Welcome everybody. We have reached a decision through much deliberation today.

BRENTON ANDRUS: Sorry, Randall. You do not have a quorum yet.

RANDALL BROWN: Okay. Sorry. I thought we did. I apologize.

BRENTON ANDRUS: You're about to. We just haven't got all the videos on yet.

MITCH IDDINS: Brenton, this is Mitch. I can't see the motion that the way you've got it worded. And it's probably to do with my-- oh, there it is. Maybe that's better. Let me try this.

BRENTON ANDRUS: You do have a quorum now, Randall.

RANDALL BROWN: Welcome everyone. The council has made a decision. And so we need now to entertain a motion for that selection. And Mitch, I believe you just indicated you would like to make a motion.

MITCH IDDINS: Yes, Randall. I would like to make a motion that the council offer the job to candidate two as the Louisiana Developmental

Disabilities executive director. In the event that candidate two cannot take the position that we offer the position to candidate one.

RANDALL BROWN: Thank you, sir. Brenton, do we have the language to put up on the screen?

BRENTON ANDRUS: You just need a second.

RANDALL BROWN: Do we have a second?

JILL HANO: I'll second.

RANDALL BROWN: Okay, I think that was Jill Hano.

JILL HANO: Yes. It is.

RANDALL BROWN: Thank you. So we have a motion on the floor by Mitch Iddins, seconded by Jill Hano to select candidate two as the new executive director of Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council. In the event candidate two declines the offer, candidate one will be made an offer. That is the motion as it is written. Is there any discussion? Any public comment?

EBONY HAVEN: Randall, Ms. Kathy Dwyer has her hand raised.

RANDALL BROWN: Yes, Ms. Kathy. You have the floor.

KATHY DWYER: Thank you, Chairman Brown. I'm certainly new to this process, at least the recent processes, and don't know all the rules that the council has to abide by. But I am curious if you're able to at least announce who the top three were or who the top two are?

RANDALL BROWN: I believe we'll have to announce who accepts the offer. We will announce who the new ED is.

KAY IRBY: Okay. Thank you.

RANDALL BROWN: What this motion does is allows for us to reach out and make the offer. And then once the candidate accepts the offer then we will announce who the new ED is. Is there any other public discussion of the motion?

EBONY HAVEN: There are no hands raised.

RANDALL BROWN: Thank you, Ebony. Does anyone abstain from the motion? Does anyone abstain from voting for this motion? Does anyone object to the motion? Are there any objections to this motion? Any objections? Hearing no objections, the motion

passes. I will reach out to candidate two and offer the position. Is there anything else we need to do before we conclude this afternoon? Okay. I want to thank you all for your service. I know it was a long day, but a very productive day. And thank you everyone. Thank you LANO for all your work in helping us get to this decision. We appreciate you and your work. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to our staff. It's been a very long year and half. Thank you for keeping everything going in this interim phase. So hearing no other comment, I would say we adjourn by acclamation. Does anyone object to adjournment? All right. No objections. We have concluded today's business. And thank you ladies and gentlemen. An announcement will be coming shortly.