

Membership Committee

Thursday, July 14, 2022

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

VIA ZOOM & [YouTube](#)

Virtual Meeting [Protocols](#)

Summary Draft

Members Present: Nicole Banks, Chaney Guidry, Bambi Polotzola, RaShad Bristo

Staff: Ebony Haven, Amy Deaville, Lauren Brown

Guests: Lynsey Hebert (Transcriptionist), Mylinda Elliott

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

Committee Members reviewed LaDDC's [Virtual Meeting Protocols](#) as well as the demographics of the current council membership and the demographics needed to stay in compliance with the DD Act.

Committee Member, Bambi Polotzola, expressed that she does not like the rubric used for membership and feels like there is not enough consistency between raters. It was suggested that this matter be discussed in an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

Review of Applicants

Interviews were conducted with fourteen (14) applicants across the state. Applicants were interviewed by two members of the Membership Committee and ratings were averaged. Each applicants' name and rating was posted. Each applicant was rated 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

Motion Passed

Motion by RaShad Bristo, second by Chaney Guidry, 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 without objection, no abstentions.

Motion Passed

Motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by RaShad Bristo, 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. Motion passed without objection, no abstentions.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by RaShad Bristo at 10:32 a.m. Meeting adjourned.