

Executive Committee Summary

April 3, 2024

5615 Corporate Blvd. Ste. 300A, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

LIVE Streamed Via YouTube

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Members Present: Jill Hano (Chair), Angela Harmon, Brooke Stewart, Renoda Washington

Members Absent: Christi Gonzales

Staff: Rekeesha Branch, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins

Others Present: Lynsey Herbert (Transcriptionist), Kathy Dwyer

Jill Hano called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM. A quorum was established.

The [November 2023 Executive Committee Summary](#) was approved and accepted by unanimous consent.

Consideration of Virtual Meeting Protocols

Council staff explained to the committee the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) rule for conducting virtual meetings was published in the [March 2024 Louisiana Register](#). Based on this rule and [Act 393 of the 2023 Legislative Session](#), Council staff drafted virtual meeting attendance protocols, which would apply to all public Council meetings, for the committee's consideration.

The [Protocols and Procedures](#) recommended by the staff were reviewed. Given that the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council (the Council) primarily focuses on issues dealing with disabilities, there is no limitation as to the number of successive meetings the Council may conduct via electronic means. Therefore, all Council meetings shall be accessible via ZOOM and livestreamed on the Council's [YouTube](#) page.

Each section of the protocol was discussed with feedback being provided by committee members and the general public. Notable changes made to the recommended protocols include:

- The Council shall post meeting notices, agendas and detailed information about how members of the public may participate at least **seventy-two (72) hours** prior to a meeting on the Council's website (www.laddc.org).
- The Chat and Q&A features will both be available for the April 2024 Council meeting as an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accommodation. After the April 2024 meeting, only the Q&A feature will be available as an ADA accommodation.

MOTION PASSED: Accept the Teleconference/Videoconference protocols for conducting the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council's virtual public meetings made by Brooke Stewart, seconded by Renoda Washington and passed without any objections or abstentions.

The floor was then opened to the public for comment. None were received. Ms. Hano announced the upcoming dates for the April quarterly Council meeting, and Council staff will post meeting agendas with registration links for all meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM by unanimous consent.