

July 22, 2021  
Meeting Summary – Motions Only

8:30 A.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Banks  
Patti Barovechio, OPH  
Kim Basile  
Melissa Bayham, LRS  
Michael Billings  
RaShad Bristo  
Randall Brown (Chair)  
Carmen Cetnar  
Brenda Cosse'  
Lillian DeJean  
Jill Egle  
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD  
Jill Hano  
Roslyn Hymel  
Mitchell Iddins  
Jennifer Katzman, Medicaid  
Hyacinth McKee  
Steven Nguyen  
Bambi Polotzola, GODA  
Mary Tarver  
Temisha Victorian  
Phil Wilson, LSU-HDC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheri Crain  
Matthew Rovira  
Crystal White

STAFF PRESENT

Marilee Andrews  
Brenton Andrus  
Halie Belin  
Amy Deaville  
Ebony Haven  
Hannah Jenkins

GUESTS PRESENT

Bobbye Abney  
Karen Artus  
Bridget Bergeron  
Yakima Black  
Bernard Brown, OCDD  
Kathleen Cannino  
Corhonda Corley  
Kristie Curtis  
Erin Downing  
Mylanda Elliott  
Nicole Flores  
Julie Folse  
Liz Gary  
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist  
Kasey Hill  
Mary Jacob  
Mellisa Johnson  
Meredith Jordan, DOE  
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian  
Kay Lewis  
Fernando Lopez  
Christina Martin  
Charlie Michel  
Jessica Michot  
Kelly Monroe  
Susan Riehn  
Tory Rocca, DRLA  
James Sprinkle  
Azadeh Yazdi

Chairperson Randall Brown called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

The April 2021 [Meeting Summary](#) was approved by unanimous consent.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**PASSED.** Motion made by Executive Committee regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee was approved by unanimous consent.

*Motion for the DEI Committee to recommend for the Council to expand the purpose of the DEI Committee to the following:*

*Make recommendations to the Executive Committee for consideration regarding:*

- *Addressing all emerging issues with regard to diversity, equity, and inclusion, meeting on an as-needed basis;*
- *Supporting advocacy efforts for diversity, equity, and inclusion to enhance cultural competence and create an overall inclusive culture for people of color, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual identity and orientation, religion, and diverse language speakers;*
- *Establishing, implementing, revising and revisiting policies that promote diversity, equity and inclusion that are aligned with the DD Act ([Association of University Centers on Disabilities summary](#)) ([statute](#));*
- *Adapting to diversity and embedding an institutionalized knowledge of diversity, equitable practices inclusive of cultural competence and cultural humility in Council policies, procedures and practices; and*
- *Dedicating resources to policies, structures, practices, and procedures to support DEI in the mission and work of the Council*

**PASSED.** Motion made by Executive Committee regarding Youth Leadership Forum Ad Hoc Committee was approved by unanimous consent.

*To create a Youth Leadership Forum that will teach and empower young people with developmental disabilities personal and systems advocacy skills and promote networking with other self-advocates so that they may become future leaders.*

**PASSED.** Motion made by Executive Committee to ratify the [FFY 2022 Action Plan](#) was approved by unanimous consent.

New Executive Committee Officers were elected as follows:

Chair – RaShad Bristo

Vice-Chair – Nicole Banks

Self-Determination/Community Inclusion Chair – Kim Basile

Education/Employment Chair – Dr. Hyacinth McKee

Member-at-Large – Jill Hano

**PASSED.** Motion made by Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee was approved by unanimous consent.

*The Self-Determination and Community Inclusion Committee recommends Niagara University be selected to complete Activity 2.2.2 in the Council's Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Action Plan, beginning October 1, 2021, and offers this recommendation to the Council for consideration.*

**Standing Council Member Reports:**

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services  
LSUHSC – Human Development Center  
Disability Rights of LA  
Office of Public Health (Children's Health Services)  
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs  
Office of Aging and Adult Services  
Medicaid – Bureau of Health Services Financing  
Governor's Office of Disability Affairs  
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

By unanimous consent, the DD Council Summer Quarterly meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.