

**Executive Committee Meeting**

Saturday, May 9, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Online via ZOOM

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**SUMMARY**

Members Present: Michael Billings, Randall Brown (Chair), Hyacinth McKee, Steven Nguyen, and Mary Tarver

Guests: Jeff Arsenaux, Karen Artus, Kim Basile, Katie Corkern, Coronda Corley, Christy Cormier, Brenda Cosse', Tamara Crane, Annie Cummer, Kristie Curtis, Nicole Flores, Julie Folse, Liz Gary, Linda Kocher, Natalie LaRose, Jessica Michot, Robert Paddy, Bambi Polotzola, Laci Polotzola, Kristi-Jo Preston, Susan Riehn, Karen Scallan, Crystal White and Kodi Wilson

Staff: Brenton Andrus, Halie Belin, Shawn Fleming, Ebony Haven, Hannah Jenkins, and Courtney Ryland

Randall Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Mr. Brown took a moment of silence out of respect for April Dunn. He thanked Dr. Hyacinth McKee for agreeing to serve as Vice Chair and Steven Nguyen for rejoining the Executive Committee as the Member-at-Large.

**MOTION PASSED.**

A motion by Hyacinth McKee, seconded by Mike Billings, to approve the [March 16, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Summary](#) passed without objection, no abstentions.

The Committee considered staff recommended protocols and procedures for holding virtual meetings.

- Consideration of protocols for holding meetings via ZOOM
  - [Protocols and procedures recommended by staff](#)
  - Governor Edwards Proclamation [30 JBE 2020](#)
  - [Attorney General Guidance on Open Meetings in light of COVID-19](#)
  - [FBI Warns of Teleconferencing and Online Classroom Hijacking During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

**MOTION PASSED.** A motion by Mary Tarver seconded by Hyacinth McKee for the Council to use staff recommendations listed in Option four (i.e., simultaneously hold ZOOM meetings with guest participation and livestream the meeting on YouTube). Discussion during meetings will be in the least restrictive manner possible for guests to join and comment. Specific features to meetings will include guest sign-in through

ZOOM; utilize the hand raising to be recognized to speak by the Chair; during discussion of a motion comments in ZOOM chat and via YouTube shall be monitored for consideration.

Motion by Steven Nguyen seconded by Mike Billings to table the motion until later in the meeting to allow comments via [Info@laddc.org](mailto:Info@laddc.org) passed without objection.

**Motion passed without objection, no abstentions.**

The Committee considered the Louisiana Department of Education ([LDOE](#)) [issued a Request for Proposals \(RFP\) for Educational Training and Direct Support to Families of Children and Youth with Disabilities.](#)

- [LaCAN Action Alert #4: Contact LDOE and BESE to Support Funding for Families Helping Families \(FHF\) Regional Resource Centers](#)

**MOTION PASSED.** A motion by Mary Tarver, seconded by Steven Nguyen, for the Chairman to send a letter to LDOE and BESE expressing 1) support for FHF Regional Resource Centers and recognize the proven approach of support these FHF Centers have provided to parents of students with disabilities for decades; 2) the need for consistency is particularly relevant as everyone is burdened with issues posed by COVID-19; and, 3) how FHF Centers are in the unique position to provide the perspective of a parent, families and self-advocates. Motion passed without objection, no abstentions.

Finally, the Committee considered the Council's 2020 Advocacy Agenda as it relates to the economic impact of COVID-19 on state resources. Staff recommended the Council advocate to maintain current levels of funding for Home and Community-Based Services for FY21. Mr. Brown expressed it would be prudent to express appreciation to Legislators for their efforts to protect the waiver populations during the budgetary crisis Louisiana is facing and everyone should email in concerns and comments with regard to DD services that could be cut or eliminated. Mr. Fleming indicated an Action Alert would be sent out momentarily.

Motion to adjourn by Steven Nguyen, seconded by Dr. McKee, passed without objection, no abstentions.

**Randall Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.**

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