

**April 20, 2023**  
**Meeting Summary – Motions Only**

**8:30 A.M.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Banks  
Libby Airhart  
Patti Barovechio, OPH  
Kim Basile  
Jill Egle  
Christi Gonzales  
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD  
Jill Hano  
Angela Harmon  
Bambi Polotzola, GODA  
Melinda Richard, OAAS  
Tory Rocca, DRLA  
Erick Taylor  
Renoda Washington  
Vivienne Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT

Melissa Bayham, LRS  
Brenda Cosse'  
Hyacinth McKee  
Cheri Crain, GOEA  
Roslyn Hymel  
Meredith Jordan, LDOE  
Brooke Stewart  
Mary Tarver  
Phil Wilson, LSU-HDC

STAFF PRESENT

Hannah Jenkins  
Brenton Andrus  
Rekeesha Branch  
Amy Deaville  
Ebony Haven  
Lauren Brown  
Anne Montelaro  
Stephanie Carmona

GUESTS PRESENT

Courtney Ryland  
Tangela Womack  
April Hampton  
Lillian DeJean  
Nicole Flores  
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Ashley McReynolds  
Kelly Monroe  
Dr. Marilyn Thornton  
James Sprinkle  
Mimi Webb  
Tytannie Thomas  
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist  
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian

Chair Nicole Banks called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. with a quorum present.

The [January 2023 Meeting Summary](#) was approved as distributed, by unanimous consent.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & BUDGET REPORT**

Both reports given by Executive Director

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning Committee Report given by Bambi Polotzola, Chair of the Planning Ad Hoc Committee.

**Failed.**

Motion from Planning Ad Hoc Committee to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Work Plan as presented. Objection by Vivienne Webb. Motion failed.

**Withdrawn.**

Motion by Bambi Polotzola to amend Activity 2.1.2 to “Provide financial support to provide appropriate, accessible sexual education to middle and high school aged people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

Seconded by Christi Gonzales

Objected by Kim Basile

Bambi Polotzola withdrew the motion

**Passed.**

Motion by Kim Basile to amend Activity 2.1.2 to “Research best practices for providing appropriate, accessible sexual education to middle and high school aged people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

Seconded by Vivienne Webb

Motion passed by roll call vote with 12 voting yes and 1 voting no.

**Passed.**

Motion by Christi Gonzales to accept the draft of the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Action Plan as amended.

Seconded by Vivienne Webb

Motion passed by roll call vote with 12 yes votes and 1 abstention

Membership Committee Report was given by Membership Committee Chair, Nicole Banks.

**Passed.**

Motion by Erick Taylor to recommend Tony Piontek, Lauren Womack and Mary Frances Avera for Governor Appointment to the DD Council.

Seconded by Christi Gonzales

Motion passed by roll call vote with 13 yes votes

**Standing Council Member Reports:**

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

Bureau of Health Services – Financing

Office of Public Health

Office of Aging and Adult Services

Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Disability Rights Louisiana

Families Helping Families Centers

By unanimous consent, the DD Council April Quarterly meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.