

April 21, 2022
Meeting Summary – Motions Only

8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Banks
Kim Basile
Melissa Bayham, LRS
RaShad Bristo (Chair)
Brenda Cosse'
Cheri Crain, GOEA
Logan Davis
Jill Egle
Christi Gonzales
Chaney Guidry
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD
Jill Hano
Angela Harmon
Kimona Hogan
Roslyn Hymel
Mitch Iddins
Bambi Polotzola, GODA
Mary Tarver
Vivienne Webb

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patti Barovechio, OPH
Hyacinth McKee
Tory Rocca, DRLA

Matthew Rovira
Crystal White
Phil Wilson, LSU-HDC

STAFF PRESENT

Marilee Andrews
Brenton Andrus
Rekeesha Branch
Amy Deaville
Ebony Haven
Hannah Jenkins

GUESTS PRESENT

Bernard Brown, OCDD
Harlon Cowsar, II
Karlee Cowsar
Nicole DeJean
Lillian DeJean
Nicole Flores
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist
Meredith Jordan, LDOE
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian
Charlie Michel
Dr. Tresa Northington, OPH
Joli Robichaux, LSU-HDC

Chairperson RaShad Bristo called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. with a quorum present.

The [January 2022 Meeting Summary](#) was approved by unanimous consent.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Given by Chair, RaShad Bristo

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & BUDGET REPORT

Both reports given by Executive Director

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Given by the Chairs of the respective Committees

Motions from Education and Employment Committee and forwarded to Full Council for approval:

Motion #1: Motion that the Developmental Disabilities Council pursues an opinion from the Attorney General on open meetings law re: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance to ensure all public meetings offer every available accommodation for individuals with disabilities to participate.

Passed with no objections or abstentions.

Motion #2: Motion to continue with the customized employment contract (Activity 3.2.1) and allow The Arc of LA to redirect from customized employment certification to the Customized Employment Gateway Training. Passed with no objections, 1 abstention.

Motion made by Executive Committee for Full Council Approval: Executive Committee motion recommended a \$4,000/year pay raise for the Executive Director, Amy Deaville, to be effective starting May 2, 2022. Motion received approval by the full council with no objections.

PASSED. Motion made by Logan Davis, seconded by Nicole Banks to accept the FFY 2023 Annual Action Plan as presented by the Planning Committee.

Standing Council Member Reports:

LSUHSC – Human Development Center
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
Office of Public Health
Department of Education
Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs
Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs

New Business

Passed. Motion by Bambi Polotzola, seconded by Roslyn Hymel. Moves \$15,000 in the FFY 2023 Annual Work Plan from Activity 1.1.5 (Videos and Visuals) to Activity 1.1.9 (Youth Leadership Forum) to bring the total for Activity 1.1.9 to \$30,000. No objections, no abstentions.

Failed. Motion by Kim Basile, seconded by Nicole Banks. Motion for the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council put out a Request for Information (RFI) for the LaCAN and Partners in Policymaking Contracts. Motion failed by a roll call vote; 10 Nays, 5 Yeas, 1 abstention.

By unanimous consent, the DD Council April Quarterly meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.