



Louisiana Rehabilitation Council

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General Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM CT

Hampton Inn & Suites
11271 Reiger Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Meeting Called to Order (9:03am)

Members Present: Melissa Bayham, Stephen Carrier, Rikki David, Jeannie Doiron, Sherri Houin, Amanda Nottingham, Brian Patchett, Bambi Polotzola, Robyn Rushing, Megan Thompson

Absent (or Late): Timothy Cornelius, Hope Day, Kelly Monroe, Nicole Poiencot, Donna Reno, Tina Roper, Myron Wright

Guests: Lynn Blanchard, Lynsey Hebert (Captionist), Stephen Johnston, Audra Muslow, Courtney Ryland (Liaison)

February Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Megan moved to approve the February minutes and Robyn seconded the motion. No opposition, motion passed.

Old Business

Several Council members gave verbal report of contact results made to respondents of the 2024 Survey.

Megan motioned to move to New Business, seconded by Rikki. No opposition, motion passed.

New Business

- Budget
The Council traditionally has a budget of \$30,000 a year. Jeannie motioned to approve the budget amount, Myron seconded. No opposition, motion passed.
- Bylaws Committee
Bylaw revisions were previously sent to all LRC members for review and consideration. Myron motioned to approve the Bylaws as amended, Amanda seconded. No opposition, motion passed with more than the 2/3 required approval and the Bylaws were ratified.
- Nominations for Officers
Rikki, Kelly, and Megan were appointed to serve as the Nomination Committee. Several members voiced their interest in serving the different offices.
- Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment
The finalized CSNA was previously send to the members for review. Awareness of Assistive Technology available to customers and employers needs to be improved.
- Legislative Session
Kelly and Brian met with Legislators and ask the members for assistance with advocacy efforts to request LRS be fully funded with an additional \$11M so that the full federal draw down may be received.



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Reports Given

- LRS Director's Report
- Client Assistance Program (CAP)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- State Independent Living Council (SILC)
- Workforce Investment Council (WIC)

Announcements

No public comment.

With the CSNA finalized, LRS now needs to update the Strategic Plan and will be meeting in June to do so. LRC members were invited to attend. Volunteers were Jeannie, Brian, Robyn, Megan, and Myron. The Nominations Committee meeting will be scheduled in May, which will result in a General Committee Special Election meeting in June to elect officers to begin serving as of July 1st.

Adjourn

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 11:02 a.m.