

**October 20, 2022**  
**Meeting Summary – Motions Only**

**8:30 A.M.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

RaShad Bristo  
Nicole Banks  
Patti Barovechio, OPH  
Kim Basile  
Melissa Bayham, LRS  
Brenda Cosse'  
Cheri Crain, GOEA  
Jill Egle  
Christi Gonzales  
Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD  
Jill Hano  
Angela Harmon  
Meredith Jordan, LDOE  
Hyacinth McKee  
Bambi Polotzola, GODA  
Melinda Richard, OAAS  
Tory Rocca, DRLA  
Brooke Stewart  
Erick Taylor  
Renoda Washington  
Vivienne Webb  
Mary Tarver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chaney Guidry  
Matthew Rovira  
Roslyn Hymel  
Phil Wilson, LSU-HDC

STAFF PRESENT

Hannah Jenkins  
Brenton Andrus  
Rekeesha Branch  
Amy Deaville  
Ebony Haven  
Lauren Brown

GUESTS PRESENT

Libby Airhart  
Mylinda Elliott  
Susan Riehn  
Ashley McReynolds  
Corlis Gremillion  
Christina Martin  
Erin Downing  
Rachel Hausmann  
Corhonda Corley  
Lynsey Hebert, Transcriptionist  
Nicole Learson, Parliamentarian  
Kathy Dwyer  
Brenda Bares  
Kelly Monroe  
Kristie Curtis  
Richard Howze  
Isral Duke  
Mollie Tinnin  
Davelyn Patrick  
Leona Harris  
Kristen Reed  
James Alt  
Liz Gary  
Lillian DeJean  
Nicole DeJean  
Nicole Flores  
Charlie Michel  
Mimi Webb  
Shannon Bibbins  
Matthew Wallace  
Caroline Meehan  
Bernard Brown  
Stacey Guidry  
Marilyn Thornton  
Konstance Causey  
Karen Artus  
Brian Bennett  
Jim Sprinkle

Chair RaShad Bristo called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. with a quorum present.

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

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson's Report was given by RaShad Bristo.

Motions from Executive Committee:

**Passed.** Executive Committee moved to accept the YLF Committee's recommendation of Families Helping Families of Acadiana to be the contractor for the Youth Leadership Forum.

Kim Basile abstained from vote due to sitting on FHF Bayou Land Board. No objections. Motion passed.

Legislative Advocacy Agenda:

1. Executive Committee moves for LaDDC to provide advocacy surrounding "Funding for Hygiene/Incontinent products for adults to be covered by Medicaid (briefs, diapers, diaper cream, lotions, gloves, etc.)". No objections or abstentions. **Motion passed.**
2. Executive Committee moves "Change open meeting law to increase representation of individuals with I/DD and ensure diversity of public bodies and change open meetings law to include hybrid meetings as a standard means of public input for the I/DD community in the legislative advocacy agenda." No objections, Jill Hano abstains. **Motion passed.**
3. The Education and Employment committee moves that the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council add additional funding of \$3M for the post-secondary inclusive education fund to the 2023 Legislative Advocacy Agenda. No objections or abstentions. **Motion passed.**
4. Bambi Polotzola moves to add to advocate for recurring, sustainable funding for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Center in the total amount of \$1,007,517.00. Vivienne Webb seconded. Kim Basile abstained, no objections. **Motion passed.**

Executive Committee motions that the full council receives training on DEI practices by April of 2023 and that it become a mandatory training for new members of the Council. No objections or abstentions. **Motion passed.**

Executive Committee motions that the by-laws be reviewed to include that we have language that is inclusive of diversity, equity and inclusion practices, specifically as it relates for members to hold seats on the Council. No objections or abstentions. **Motion passed.**

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT & BUDGET REPORT

Both reports given by Executive Director

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

# Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

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Given by the Chairs of the respective Committees

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

The Education and Employment committee recommends that the La Developmental Disabilities Council sign-on to the letter that the La Commission for the Deaf will send to the Special School District regarding investigating the list of concerns. Julie Foster Hagan and Patti Barovechio and Melinda Richard abstain, no objections. **Motion passed.**

## **Standing Council Member Reports:**

Office of Public Health

Office of Aging and Adult Services

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Break for lunch at 12:00 pm.

## **Standing Council Member Reports (cont.):**

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

Department of Education

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

Bureau of Health Services – Financing

Disability Rights Louisiana

By unanimous consent, the DD Council October Quarterly meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.