**LOUISIANA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

**September 17, 2021- Emergency Meeting**

**Minutes**

**LASILC Members**:

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| **Ainsworth, Jamie**  **(Has Resigned)** | **Absent** |
| **Archaga, Yavonka** | **Absent** |
| **Bottley, Jarrod** | **Absent** |
| **Bristo, RaShad** | **Present** |
| **Broussard, Daryn** | **Present** |
| **Brown, Bernard** | **Absent** |
| **Cheramie, Shaely** | **Present** |
| **Cottonham, Danny**  **(Declined 2nd Term)** | **Absent** |
| **Crain, Cheri** | **Present** |
| **Duplechine, Jamie** | **Present** |
| **Fuselier, Rocky** | **Present** |
| **Garafolo, Claudia** | **Present** |
| **Gradney, Charlene** | **Absent** |
| **Harrell, Antoinette**  **(Has Resigned)** | **Absent** |
| **Hennessey, Sharon** | **Present** |
| **Jackson, Welma** | **Absent** |
| **Jett, Esther** | **Present** |
| **Murrell, Eleanor** | **Present** |
| **Nguyen, Steven** | **Absent** |
| **Pattan, Anita**  **(Medical)** | **Absent** |
| **Taylor, Erick** | **Present** |
| **Whitlow, Stephen**  **(Has Resigned)** | **Absent** |
| **Wilson, Juon** | **Absent** |
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**Guests:**

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| **Ennis, Jamar Lanier – Interim LASILC Coordinator** |
| **Kandy Baker (Louisiana Rehabilitation Services)** |
| **Melissa Bayham (Louisiana Rehabilitation Services)** |
| **Dean, Gale (New Horizons Independent Living Center)** |
| **Granger, Mitch (@Southwest Louisiana Independence Center)** |

**Call to Order- Jamie Duplechine (10:30 a.m.)**

The Statewide Independent Living Council’s Emergency Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jamie Duplechine at 10:34 a.m. The aforementioned meeting was held via the Zoom platform.

**Roll Call / Determination of Quorum (10:35 a.m.)**

The Statewide Independent Living Council’s Interim Executive Director, Jamar Lanier Ennis conducted roll call and determined that quorum was established.

**Approval of the LA SILC Bylaws (10:40 a.m.)**

Chairperson Jamie Duplechine stated that the council must vote to approve its Bylaws, because it is a necessary requirement for the SILC to become an autonomous entity.

Gale Dean of New Horizons provided that attorney J. Mark Miller of Kean Miller Law Firm located in Shreveport reviewed the LA SILC’s Bylaws to ensure it is aligned with the council’s aspirations to transition to a 501(c) (3), autonomous entity.

Additionally, the attorneys for the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) reviewed the Bylaws and suggested that an indemnity clause be added. Per the recommendations from the Attorneys of LRS, this clause was added by the interim Executive Director of SILC, Jamar Lanier Ennis.

Members of the Council expressed the need to promulgate rules and procedures relative to the removal of SILC members, and establishing a due clause policy in the Bylaws. It was mentioned that the SILC Bylaws can be amended at anytime in the future.

A motion was made by Sharon Hennessey to approve the SILC Bylaws, the motion to approve the SILC Bylaws was seconded by Daryn Broussard. The motion to approve the SILC Bylaws passed, without any abstentions, objections, or discussion.

**Appointment of LA Secretary and Vice Chair (11:10 a.m.)**

Due to the unfortunate circumstance and untimely passing of beloved council member, and SILC Vice-Chairperson Anita Gray-Pattin, and the resignation of Mayor Jarod Bottley from the position of Secretary, Chairperson Jamie Duplechine entertained nominations for the aforementioned positions which are currently vacant.

Daryn Broussard made a motion to nominate Rocky Fuselier for the position of Vice-Chairperson, and seconded by Sharon Hennessey. The motion to install Rocky Fuselier as the Vice-Chairperson of the LA SILC was passed without any abstentions, objections, or discussion.

Ester Jett made a motion to nominate herself as the Secretary of SILC, and seconded Daryn Broussard. The motion to install Ester Jett as the Secretary of the LA SILC was passed without any abstentions, objections, or discussion.

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Jamie Duplechine entertained a motion to Adjourn the September 17, 2021 emergency meeting. Daryn Broussard made a motion to adjourn the September 17, 2021 emergency meeting. Erick Taylor seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the September 17, 2021 emergency meeting was passed without any abstentions, objections, or discussion. The September 17, 2021 SILC meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.