**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2022**

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NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
808 West Nye Lane, Carson City, NV 89703

# Special Notes

* All items reviewed during this meeting are available for view on the NGCDD website; under the event created for this meeting: [www.nevadaddcouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/)
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# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Committee Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Regina Daniel; Jennifer Frischmann; Jack Mayes; Dora Martinez; Santa Perez; Cindi Swanson; Jodi Thornley; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Renee Portnell

NGCDD Staff Present: Ellen Marquez, Executive Assistant Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director

Public Present: Jodi Collins

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by NGCDD Council Chair, Kimberly Palma-Ortega 10:03 a.m.

Ellen Marquez, Executive Assistant verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the proper locations on March 9, 2022.

# Public Comment

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there was any public comment.

* Catherine Nielsen stated the Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference registration is open until May 27, 2022. The Conference will be held August 2 – 4, 2022 in Las Vegas.
* Ms. Nielsen stated this is DD Awareness Month. She stated to follow the Council’s social media as there is a lot of information being posted.
* Ms. Palma-Ortega stated Santa Perez has been selected to represent as a person with a disability at the White House.
* Ms. Nielsen stated Lauralyn Sandoval has decided to resign from the Council. Ms. Nielsen will request a recognition for her 5 years of service from the Governor’s Office.

# Approval of Minutes from the January 2022 Meeting

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there was a motion to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes.

**Jennifer Frischmann motioned to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes as written. Jack Mayes. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Council Bylaws

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director for an in-depth explanation and review of the Council Bylaws.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the Bylaws in the handouts. She explained there are two versions. One with yellow highlight and one that has “start text” “end text”. This was created for those with visual disabilities.

Ms. Nielsen stated the Bylaws should be updated/reviewed on a regular basis.

Ms. Frischmann suggested going through the easier sections and then move on to the more difficult sections.

Ms. Nielsen opened this item for discussion. As the Committee went through the document, Ms. Nielsen made the suggested changes. After discussion, Ms. Nielsen stated she would update the changes to the document and bring it to the Committee for review at the April 2022 meeting.

There was no action taken, as the Committee would like to review the updated document.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on April 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there is any public comment. None was given.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.