**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from April 21, 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; Santa Perez; Jodi Thornley

Committee Members Absent: Dora Martinez; Renee Portnell; Cindi Swanson; Vivian Turner

NGCDD Staff Present: Ellen Marquez, Executive Assistant Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Marisol Rivas, Project Manager

# 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 April 14, 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. The application for speakers is available. There are several topics needing speakers. The vendor application will be available tomorrow.
* Jack Mayes stated his agency is very active in the voting issues throughout the State. Lyon County is recommending only paper ballots which eliminates online and in person voting. This could affect people with disabilities. His office has hired a full time voting advocate. Mr. Mayes stated Ms. Nielsen will be presenting at the Joint Interim Standing Committee on April 29, 2022 regarding voting issues. She invited NDALC to this meeting.
* Jennifer Frischmann stated the agenda is not posted for that meeting and they do not need to follow Open Meeting Law. The agenda may be posted the day before the meeting.

# Approval of Minutes from the March 2022 Meeting

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there was a motion to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes.

Ms. Nielsen stated under Committee Members Absent, Renee needs to be corrected to read Renee Portnell.

Santa Perez stated under Public Comment, she is not representing the Council at the White House, she is representing a person with a disability.

**Regina Daniel motioned to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes with the corrections. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. 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 noted Vivian Turner pointed out a correction needed.

Ms. Nielsen referred to page 8, “Construction.” She offered a correction to say “or other disabilities.” Mr. Mayes and Ms. Frischmann agreed this correction was needed.

This agenda item was opened for discussion

**Mr. Mayes motioned to recommend to the full Council that the Bylaws be approved with all recommended changes. Ms. Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on May 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

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

* Mr. Mayes stated the Policy Committee meeting in May conflicts with the Interim Committee meeting. He would need to see what is being discussed and may have to miss the Policy Committee meeting.
* Ms. Perez inquired if the Council could receive the information for the Interim Committee meeting.
* Ms. Palma-Ortega suggested when the topics are released for the Interim Committee meeting, an email canceling the Policy Committee was a possibility.
* Ms. Daniel stated Ms. Perez was a “Rock Star” at the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC.
* Ms. Frischmann stated Ms. Daniel was great at the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC by speaking about her concerns.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.