**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from July 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/)
* Bolded text under a heading indicates an action taken by the NGCDD.

# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Committee Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Regina Daniel; Jack Mayes; Renee Portnell; Cindi Swanson; Jodi Thornley; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Frischmann; Dora Martinez; Santa Perez

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator; Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager

# Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by NGCDD Council Chair, Kimberly Palma-Ortega 10:01 a.m.

Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the proper locations on July 7, 2022.

# Public Comment

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

* Catherine Nielsen stated there will be a town hall meeting on August 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Palace Station in Las Vegas. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission will be presenting “A Reset for Change” and the introduction of the Arc of Nevada.

# Approval of Minutes from the June 2022 Meeting

Ms. Palma-Ortega stated the handouts were late being distributed and if everyone had a chance to review the June 16, 2022 minutes. It was decided by the Committee not to motion on the minutes and to discuss them at the next meeting.

# Council Policies

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director for conversation on the Council Policies for Council Member and Non-Council Member Advancement for Travel Funds.

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the changes made to the two Advancements for Travel Funds and opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Mayes motioned to approve the changes to the Council Member and Non-Council Member Advancement for Travel Funds policies and to send to the full Council for approve. Renee Portnell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the Draft Position Statement on Voting. She explained she had researched different policies and used some of the verbiage from other position statements from other agencies. She had reached out to other State DD Councils, but none had a Position on Voting. Nevada will be the first to have this Position Statement. She opened this item for discussion.

Ms. Nielsen stated there was no motion needed. She was asking for suggestions from the Committee to added/delete anything from the Voting Position Statement. Members of the Committee agreed to send Ms. Nielsen their thoughts and requested she bring the draft back to the next meeting.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on August 18, 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 10:34 a.m.