**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from August 18, 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; Dora Martinez; Jack Mayes; Santa Perez; Jodi Thornley

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Frischmann; Renee Portnell; Cindi Swanson; Vivian Turner

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

# Call to Order

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

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the proper locations on August 12, 2022.

# Public Comment

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

* Ellen Marquez stated the Department of Education is looking to fill seats on the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). She will send out additional information to those interested in applying.

# Approval of Minutes from the July 2022 Meeting

Ms. Palma-Ortega asked if there was a motion to approve the July 21, 2022 Committee meeting minutes.

**Jack Mayes motioned to approve the July 21, 2022 Committee meeting minutes as written. Jody Thornley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Council Policies

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director for conversation on the Draft Position on Voting statement.

Ms. Nielsen reviewed the changes made to the document and opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Mayes motioned to recommend to the full Council the adoption of the Position Statement on Voting as amended today. Santa Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred to Ms. Nielsen to discuss the Duties of the Chair policy.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “Draft Duties of the Chair Policy”. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Thornley motioned to recommend to the full Council the adoption of the Duties of the Chair policy as amended today. Ms. Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Palma-Ortega deferred to Ms. Nielsen to discuss the Duties of the Vice-Chair policy.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “Duties of the Vice-Chair Policy”. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Thornley motioned to recommend to the full Council the adoption of the Duties of the Vice-Chair policy as amended today. Regina Daniel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on September 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

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

* Ms. Nielsen stated enrollment for the 2023 Partners in Policymaking classes will be opening shortly for anyone interested in joining.
* Ms. Palma-Ortega asked Ms. Nielsen if the survey for the Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference was still open. Ms. Nielsen answered it would remain open until the end of the Federal Fiscal year and a reminder will be sent out shortly.
* Mr. Mayes stated that several interim committee meetings were being held and they are working on Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) for the upcoming legislative session. The Interim Finance Committee (IFC) decided at their meeting yesterday they are interested putting additional funding towards children’s mental health and this is something to look forward to.
* Mr. Mayes stated he would be creating a document that would help track different BDRs to share with the council. Ms. Nielsen added the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) is a good resource and can help track BDRs as well.
* Stacy Alaribe stated The Nevada Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (NvLEND) program will be recruiting for their upcoming session. This is a great class for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their family members to learn leadership skills.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.