**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from August 3, 2023**

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**ZOOM**

Join by Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/>82776920507

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Meeting ID: 827 7692 0507

# 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: Christine Riggi, Chair; Maxmillian Lowe, Vice-Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Vickie Ives; Santa Perez

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager

NGCDD Staff Absent: Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator; Alysa Marquez, Intern; Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison

Public Present: Steven Cohen

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Christine Riggi, Executive Committee Chair at 10:01 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on July 31, 2023.

# Public Comment

Max Lowe asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically.

* Santa Perez asked if there is still the option to submit public comment via zoom as she is unable to call. Ms. Riggi and Catherine Nielsen, Executive director clarified that public comments can still be given via zoom along with other methods. For open meeting law purposes, the telephone method is stated during public comment.

# Approval of May 2023 Minutes

Mr. Lowe asked if there was a motion to approve the May 4, 2023 minutes.

**Ms. Perez motioned to approve the May 4, 2023 minutes as written. Stacy Alaribe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion on Lobbying Vs Education/Advocacy

Ms. Riggi deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the PowerPoint presentation titled “Educating Policymakers” and gave a brief summary of its content. She discussed the definitions of lobbying and advocating and the difference between the two. She opened this item for discussion.

# Council Policies Update

Ms. Riggi introduced this agenda item and referred to the document titled “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION PROCESS POLICY”. She gave a brief summary of the document’s content and purpose. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION PROCESS POLICY” as written. Ms. Riggi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Consumer Leadership Development Funds

Ms. Riggi introduced the Consumer Leadership Development Fund application from Steven Cohen. Mr. Cohen applied for the individual out-of-state funding to attend the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) Annual Conference on November 5- 8, 2023, at the Renaissance DC Hotel in Washington, DC. Ms. Riggi invited Mr. Cohen to the floor to answer any questions. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Perez motioned to approve up to $1,750.00 for Individual Out-of-State CLDF funds for Steven Cohen. Ms. Alaribe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

Mr. Lowe stated the next Executive Committee meeting will be October 12, 2023 at 10:00 am via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Mr. Lowe asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to provide public comment telephonically.

* Vickie Ives asked if more clarification on the methods on giving public comment can be included in the agenda. Ms. Riggi and Ms. Nielsen answered that the methods are included in different areas of the agenda. Ms. Nielsen will be reaching out to the deputy attorney general for further clarification on the change in open meeting law.

# Adjournment

Mr. Lowe adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.