**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from August 1 2024**

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**ZOOM**

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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/)
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# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Maxmillian Lowe, Vice-Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Vickie Ives; Santa Perez

Committee Members Absent: Christine Riggi, Chair

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison; Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager

NGCDD Staff Absent: Alysa Marquez, Intern; Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Max Lowe, Vice-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 19, 2024.

# Land Acknowledgment

Mr. Lowe, Chair provided the land acknowledgement as follows: The Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, as a program whose designated state agency is the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, acknowledges, honors, and respects the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this land and recognize the State of Nevada is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwu, Newe, Numu and Wa She Shu. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to work alongside our Tribal partners. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in acknowledgement and continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism.

# Public Comment

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

* Santa Perez wished Kimberly Palma-Ortega a happy birthday.

# Approval of May 2024 Minutes

Mr. Lowe asked if there was a motion to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes. He opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes as written. Ms. Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion on Consumer Leadership Development Fund (CLDF) Applications

Mr. Lowe introduced this agenda item and deferred to Catherine Nielsen for further discussion.

Ms. Nielsen discussed the application received for family out-of-state funds by Justin Langford to attend the Aktion Club Convention on October 4-6, 2024 in Sanger, CA. She also discussed the application received for individual out-of-state funds by Joey Thompson to attend the Aktion Club Convention on October 4-6, 2024 in Sanger, CA. She opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Perez motioned to approve up to $2,500.00 in Family Out-of-State funds for Justin Langford and up to $1,750.00 in Individual Out-of-State funds for Joey Thompson. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

Mr. Lowe stated the next Executive Committee meeting will be October 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

# Public Comment

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

* Ms. Nielsen stated that if anybody is in Reno on Monday, August 5th, and you are not doing anything from 6 to 8 pm, there is a self-advocacy networking night at the Grand Sierra in the Bowling center. Anybody that's in the disability community that is maybe interested in learning about self-advocacy and starting self-advocacy organizations is welcomed. There will be a magic show, but the main concept is to ensure people feel supported and have the opportunity to start self-advocacy organizations in our state.

# Adjournment

Mr. Lowe adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.