**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2024**

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NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities  
406 East Second Street, Carson City 89701

# 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: Stacy Alaribe, Committee Chair; Heather Lafferty; Max Lowe; Christine Riggi; Cindi Swanson; Jodi Thornley; Vivian Turner

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Frischmann; Dora Martinez; Santa Perez; Renee Portnell; Julie Weissman-Steinbaugh

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

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

Public Present: AZ Adorozny; Kate Osti; Heike Rudenauer; Danielle Ruffino; Sabrina Schnur

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGCDD Policy Committee Chair, Stacy Alaribe, at 10:03 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified the agenda for this meeting was posted to the proper locations on June 12, 2024.

# Land Acknowledgment

Max Lowe, Council Vice-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

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was any public comment, verified meeting information, and stated how to submit public comments telephonically. None were given.

# Approval of Minutes from the April 2024 Meeting

Ms. Alaribe asked if there was a motion to approve the April 25, 2024 Committee meeting minutes. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the April 25, 2024 Committee meeting minutes as written. Jodi Thornley seconded the motion. The motion carried with Vivian Turner abstaining.**

# Discussion of 2025 Legislative Session and Potential Advocacy

Ms. Alaribe introduced this agenda item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director, for conversation on the 2025 Legislative Session.

Ms. Nielsen gave a brief background on the 2023 legislative session and the efforts made by the council and council staff. She opened the discussion to committee members for their input on topics of interest for the next session. She also stated council staff tracks bills, bill draft requests (BDRs), and acts that are introduced that touch on any topics within the council’s position statements. She also discussed the timeline for BDRs being introduced.

# Discussion of Disability Policymaking Position Statement

Ms. Alaribe introduced this agenda item and deferred to Ms. Nielsen, Executive Director, for conversation on the potential position statement on Disability Policymaking for People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities.

Ms. Nielsen gave an in-depth overview and discussed the background of the document’s creation. She referred to the document title “DRAFT Position Statement on Disability Policymaking”. She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motion to recommend to the Full Council for approval the “DRAFT Position Statement on Disability Policymaking”. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion of Topics for Potential Position Statements

Ms. Nielsen introduced this agenda item and opened the conversation on potential position statements for People with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities.

Ms. Nielsen gave an in-depth overview and discussed current position statements. She opened this item for discussion.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on July 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Public Comment

Ms. Alaribe asked if there is any public comment, verified meeting information, and stated how to submit public comments telephonically. None were given.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.