**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2025**

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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

Committee Members Absent: Christine Riggi, Chair; Santa Perez

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Alysa Marquez, Intern; Ellen Marquez, Self-Advocacy Coordinator; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Marisol Rivas, Projects Manager; Steven Cohen, Legislative Liaison

NGCDD Staff Absent: Kimberly Palma-Ortega, Public Health Liaison

Public Present: Ester Kwon, Dora Martinez

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Maxmillian Lowe, Vice-Chair at 10:05 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on February 3, 2025.

# Land Acknowledgment

Mr. Lowe 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, Wa She Shu, and Hopi tribes. 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. None were given.

# Approval of January 2025 Minutes

Mr. Lowe introduced this item and asked if there was a motion to approve the January 9, 2025 minutes. He opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to approve the January 6, 2025 minutes as written. Stacy Alaribe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Information on New Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

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

Ms. Nielsen provided information on the upcoming changes to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Committee and Full Council. This will take place at the March Full Council Meeting. She opened this item for discussion.

# Discussion on Governor’s State of the State and Potential Impacts

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

Ms. Nielsen gave an in-depth overview and provided information on Governor Lombardo’s State of the State Address and any potential Council impacts. She discussed the council’s potential move from the Department of Health and Human Services to the new Nevada Health Authority. She opened this item for discussion.

# Discussion on Potential Internal Policies

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

Ms. Nielsen gave a brief overview and deferred to Ellen Marquez for further discussion. Ms. Marquez referred to the document titled “GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS POLICY (DRAFT)” She opened this item for discussion. She then referred to the document titled “COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY (DRAFT)” She opened this item for discussion. She then referred to the document titled “COUNCIL PURPOSE POLICY (DRAFT)” She opened this item for discussion. Lastly, she referred to the document titled “DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS POLICY (DRAFT)” She opened this item for discussion.

**Mr. Lowe motioned to recommend to the Full Council all four policies with the recommended changes. Ms. Alaribe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Next Meeting Date

Mr. Lowe stated the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 12, 2025 at 10 am via Zoom.

# Public Comment

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

* Mr. Lowe requested physical copies of the council policies where they can be accessed easily.

# Adjournment

Mr. Lowe adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.