**NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025**

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**ZOOM**

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

Join by Phone: 669-900-6833

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, Chair; Anna Marie Binder, Vice-Chair; Stacy Alaribe; Vickie Ives

Committee Members Absent: 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

Public Present: Shauna Brennan; Christine Riggi

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Maxmillian Lowe, Chair at 10:04 a.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on April 10, 2025.

# Land Acknowledgment

Anna Marie Binder 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 February 2025 Minutes

Mr. Lowe introduced this item and asked if there was a motion to approve the February 6, 2025 minutes. He opened this item for discussion.

**Ms. Binder motioned to approve the February 6, 2025 minutes as written. Mr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

# Discussion on Consumer Leadership Development Fund (CLDF) Status Update and Applications

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 the request from Nicholas Giaquinto for a stipend to his approved CLDF application. She opened this item for discussion.

**Vickie Ives motioned to approve the stipend for Nicholas Giaquinto’ CLDF application for up to $1,750.00. Ms. Binder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously**.

# Discussion and Review of Current Legislation/issues at the Federal level

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

Ms. Nielsen provided information on current legislation/issues at the Federal level that impacts individuals with I/dd in Nevada. She discussed attending meetings at the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, DC and information on proposed Medicaid changes. She also discussed future hill meetings at the end of April. She opened this item for discussion**.**

# Next Meeting Date

Mr. Lowe stated the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on May 1, 2025 at 10 am via Zoom.

# Public Comment

Mr. Lowe asked if there was any public comment.

* Mr. Lowe spoke on individuals with disabilities leaving abusive situations facing hardships such as becoming unhoused. He also spoke on transportation issues these individuals face and facing unnecessary penalties. Ms. Nielsen stated she would incorporate these topics in future position statements.

# Adjournment

Mr. Lowe adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.