



Full Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 17, 2019

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: Talking Book and Braille Library

180 Sheridan Blvd

Denver, CO 80226

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Consent Agenda
 - Minutes from March 20, 2019
3. Discussion Agenda:
 - May Council election
 - Work groups convene
 - Member questions or open discussion
4. Voting Items:
 - Cline, Executive Committee Membership
 - March Meeting Date Change
5. Work Groups
6. Public Comment
7. Recap and evaluations
8. Adjourn

DISCUSSION:

1. Alicia called the meeting to order at 12: 13.
2. Consent Agenda:
 - Quorum not present and therefore the Council is unable to take action on voting items.
3. Work Group work: Met from 12:30 until 2:15.
 - Questions to consider during this time are:
 - Decide what is next.
 - What do you suggest the right steps are?
 - What are other questions that have come up as you have gone through the work?
 - What recommendations would you make to the executive committee?
 - What remaining topics does your work group still need to work on?
4. Report and Recommendations from Work Groups:
 - **Bylaws work group:**
 - Covered half of the articles of bylaws.
 - General consensus for membership development.
 - Responsibility for first officers and chairs.
 - Think in terms of elections.
 - Extended discussion- Level of policies below the bylaws, should not be changed frequently.
 - Very confusing to know who is here and why. If there is a way to simplify in the bylaws would be ideal.

- Suggest starting a new committee that works on nominating members and reviews applications.
 - Next steps spend time getting feedback on responsibility for sending recommendations to the governor's office.
 - Will need input by the standing committees about what to include in the bylaws.
 - Next work group meeting will be May 13th at the Council office.
 - Since quorum is not present, Alicia encouraged the bylaws committee to use the 2013 version and assume the Council will vote to approve.
 - **Member Engagement:**
 - Standing committee-facilitating orientation for new members.
 - Implement a buddy system for new members to pair up with seasoned members, updating contacts for new members and turnover, and reviewing applications.
 - Council needs to understand supports needed and barriers that could prevent a member from participating in Council business.
 - The work group values face to face time to work together. Members felt they were able to accomplish work. Beneficial to meet in person.
 - **Mission and Vision:**
 - Proposal will be presented to the next executive committee meeting and if the committee approves, it will be brought forward at the May Council meeting.
 - Policy 001 should be the values of the Council and what the views on inclusion are.
 - Maybe create a general communication plan to help all members.
5. Recap and evaluations:
- Joelle gave update on the current Council appointments and the why a delay has occurred. Would like to ensure new Council members bring experience and would like time to review their applications and interview if possible.
 - Communications: How do members feel about the way documents were sent nearly two weeks prior to this meeting? Better to have in two large documents or better individually?
6. Council Elections:
- Coming up on May 22nd the next Council meeting.
 - This is great time to step up and help the Council continue to move forward.
 - Will need two members to preside over elections to help tally votes and facilitate.
 - Positions will be held for the following:
 - Council chair
 - Council Vice Chair
 - Legislative Public Policy chair
 - Planning and Grants chair
 - Two at large positions on the executive committee; one of which is a self-advocate or a parent or guardian of a self-advocate.
 - The length of terms could shift depending on Council needs.
 - Alicia is working on a short questionnaire that will go out to candidates beforehand.
 - Please let Vanessa know by April 29th if you plan to serve in a position(s).
7. Julie shared a win with the PEP? Conferences: Senator Irene Aguilar drafted a bill that the state will pay lunches for parents during this conference, many Council members testified including Julie. Bill is nearly passed. There are three to four of these conferences per year and have said to be life changing with beneficial information.
8. Public Comment: None.
9. Meeting adjourned at 3:52.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: May 22, 2019
LOCATION: Community First Foundation

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Action Items/ Motions Made:

Motions Made: N/A

Actions Items:

1. Joelle will follow up with the Council's federal technical support.
2. Joelle invites everyone to provide information on consent agenda and accessibility options.

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Those in attendance: Alicia Eakins, Hal Wright, Julie Voltaire Schleusener, Patrick Hackney, Jennifer Martinez, Willie Wade, Joe Morrone, Deon Gillespie, Lisa Franklin, Bruce Cline (on the phone)

Those absent: Sen. Irene Aguilar, Paulette Steinhoff, Kristen Erby, Jennie Munthali, Sandra Friedman, Milly Segura Cubas, Katie Oliver, Elizabeth (Lisa) Potter, Patricia Henke, Peggy Spaulding, Jessica Howard, Deborah Marks Williams

Staff Present: Joelle Brouner, Mackenzie Helton, Susan Fager, Robert Lawhead, Vanessa Hernandez, Tina Trammer

Guests: Tara Entwistle (rep for CDPHE), Mary Russell