



Texas State Independent Living Council



Held Virtually, Via Zoom
Monday, October 17, 2022

Opening

The Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC) quarterly meeting was brought to order at 9: 20 a.m. by Eva Storey, Interim Chair.

Present

Members in Attendance: Eva Storey; Heisha Freeman; Joe Rogers; Erik Dally; Michael Garrett; Jan McSorley; Hunter Adkins; Melva Henderson; Keisha Rowe (HHSC); Bonnie Notargiacomo, (TWC); Debra Medellin, Ex Officio Board Member, Texas Department of Transportation

Members Not in Attendance:

David Lunt, Board Treasurer; April Pollreisz, Interim Executive Director, Texas SILC

Others in Attendance:

Jennifer Whitcomb; Sarah Gernsbacher; Dr. Lidia Fonseca; Jacqueline McFarlane; Richard Wilson

Public Comment:

Joe Hebert, William Pool, Brandon Hines, Nick Allen

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Garrett made a motion to approve the agenda and last meeting's minutes and agenda. Dally approved the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comment / Open Forum

Public comment was given by Joe Herbert, Jacqueline McFarlane, and William Pool.

Texas SILC SPIL Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Lidia Fonseca Ph.D., of VAIL Center for Independent Living, facilitated the Texas SILC SPIL Town Hall meeting in the absence of Pollriesz. Dr. Fonseca gave an overview of the SPIL and public comment was received.

Closed Session

An executive closed session was called by Interim Chair Storey with voting members Freeman, Garrett, McSorley, Dally, Adkins, Rogers, and Storey. [The associated voting item was brought to vote in Vote for Reinstatement below.]

Organizational Chart

Freeman showed the updated organizational chart. Madam Secretary made a motion to accept the updated chart. McSorley approved the motion and the motion passed.

[Lunch Break]

Vote for Reinstatement

Upon former Public Policy Specialist Mr. Brian White's appeal for reinstatement to SILC staff, Freeman made a motion to deny; Adkins seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Committee Appointments

Storey called committee appointments.

Adkins selected the Policy & Procedure and the Advocacy and Research Development Committees. Freeman is on State Members Recruitment and Development Committee, Advocacy, SPIL, and Policy & Procedure, Transitional, and the Executive Committee. Garrett is in the Financial Policy & Procedure, and the SPIL Committee. Henderson is in the Recruitment and Development, Advocacy, Resource Development, Policy & Procedure, and SPIL Committees. Lunt is on the Financial, SPIL, and Executive Committees. McSorley is on the Membership Development and Recruitment Committee, Advocacy, and SPIL Committees. Medellin is on the Membership Development and Recruitment Committee. Notargiacomo has a yet-to-be-determined committee. Rogers is on the SPIL Advocacy, Transitional, and Executive Committees. Storey is on the Advocacy, SPIL, Policy & Procedure, and Executive Committees.

Staff Project Presentations

Gernsbacher reported on Peer Assistance Leadership; Covering All of Texas; Inclusive Services for Survivors in Texas; and Good Measure grants.

Vote on having the Policy & Procedure Committee review Addendums 1.0, 1.09, and 1.12

Adkins made a motion, and Rogers seconded the motion to addendum three policies out of the policy. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Whitcomb reported on OVW, Good Measures, TCDD, PAL, and PRC grants. She said auditors would start an independent

audit, and that would take 2-3 weeks. The SILC is transferring the accounting system to an online version, and the SILC adheres to the Texas Prompt Payment Act.

Ex Officio and Liaison Reports

Reports were given by Ex Notargiacomo (TWC); Rowe (HHSC), and Medellin (TxDOT). Rogers had no reports to update.

Requests

Freeman requested to put on the agenda for the next meeting that they vote to have a timekeeper for future meetings. Adkins suggested legislative jeopardy.

Meeting Adjourned

**Minutes drafted by:
Christina Goebel**

Signed by: X DocuSigned by: *Heisha Freeman* **Date:** 4/20/2023
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Secretary or Executive Board Member