

Texas State Independent Living Council



Meeting Minutes



Holiday Inn Austin Midtown
6000 Middle Fiskville Rd,
Austin, TX 78752

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Opening:

The Texas State Independent Living Council (Texas SILC) quarterly meeting was brought to order at 9:00 am by April Pollreisz, Chair.

Council Members Present:

April Pollreisz, Erik Dally, Joe Rogers, Michael Garrett, Melva Henderson, Hunter Adkins, Jan McSorley, Tiffany Walker, Dana McGrath (HHSC), and Bonnie Notargiacomo (TWC).

Council Members Not in Attendance: David Lunt, Patrick Sturdivant, Heisha Freeman, Debra Medellin (TxDOT)

Others in Attendance: Sarah Gernsbacher

(Staff), Pamela Clark (Staff), Jennifer Whitcomb (Staff), Hulyne Christopher (Staff) Cecilia Berrios (HHSC), Dr Lidia Fonseca (VAIL), Jackie Pacha (BVCIL), Kenneth Semien Sr, Ron Rocha (ARCIL), Sara Minton (PRCIL), Susan Nelson (VAIL), Denise Loya (TAASA), Virginia Rueda (TAASA)

Bylaws- Discussion and Vote

Discussion was held to amend the bylaws to allow for virtual and in person participation from council members.

- Michael Garrett made a motion to approve the amendment. Hunter Adkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

- Hunter Adkins made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Melva Henderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

April Pollreisz- Introduction of new staff member Hulyne Christopher and welcome to the team.

Bylaws- Discussion and Vote

Gernsbacher presented on proposed Bylaw amendment. Removal of quorum language in section 3 allowing for Hybrid meetings.

- Joe Rogers made a motion to approve the bylaw amendment. Hunter Adkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comment/Open Forum

Financial Report

- Jennifer Whitcomb presented the budget for fiscal years 2023-2024.

Approval of the fiscal year 2024 budget

- Hunter Adkins made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2024 budget. Michael Garrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Approval of the cost allocation plan

- Michael Garrett made a motion to approve the cost allocation plan for 2024. Hunter Adkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Approval of the Atchley and Associates as auditors for fiscal year 2024:

- Hunter made a motion to approve. Melva Henderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jennifer Whitcomb- training on how to complete travel forms.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 25, 2023 and June 28, 2023 meetings.

- Hunter Adkins made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Melva Henderson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Presentation made by TAASA Staff

Erik Dally- Acknowledgement of Ron Rocha and staff during ARCIL visit on August 15, 2023.

April Pollreisz- Presentation on SILC Mission and SPIL Mission

Policy and Procedures Discussion

- Erik Dally made a motion to approve the policy and procedure wording one by one. Joe Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Policy and Procedure Section 2:03

Retirement Account

- Jennifer Whitcomb stated the plan should be updated to match the policy as written. No action taken on 401k plan until staff can contact PAI (plan provider) and verify the plan options available that meet our needs.
- Rogers made a motion to table the discussion, Henderson seconded. Motion passed.

Policy and Procedures removal of section

5.04 -Equipment

- Erik Dally made a motion to approve. Joe Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

12:00-1:45PM Lunch Break

Bylaws amendment of wording of our Mission

Statement:

- Hunter Adkins made a motion to approve. Erik Dally seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Bylaws Amendment VI- Amendments to

Bylaws Section B: If there is a proposed amendment to a bylaw it must be disclosed a minimum of one week prior to the vote for review.

- Michael Garrett made a motion to approve. Adkins seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Erik Dally- Discussion of Core Values and Ethical Principles

SPIL Update

- April Pollreisz gave updates on the State Plan for Independent Living, including performance targets, missions, goals, network capacity and sustainability.

Project Updates

- Sarah Gernsbacher presented updates on the OVW grant and PAL grant.
- Pamela Clark gave updates on the PHWF project that is providing Covid 19 vaccinations and making more accessible to people with disabilities.

Chair Report

- April Pollreisz updated the Council on staff activities.

Ex-Officio, and Liaison Reports

- Reports were presented by Dana McGrath (HHSC), Bonnie Notargiacomo TxDOT

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Minutes drafted by:
Hulyne Christopher

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Date: 10/9/2023

Secretary or Executive Board Member