

Disability Advisory Board Meeting

December 12, 2016

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order at 2:03 pm on December 12, 2016, 2010 E. Michigan St., Facilities Training Center Meeting Room, Orlando, FL 32806. Chairperson Fernandez opened the meeting and asked Brian Michaels to conduct the roll call. Board members present were: Chairperson Jose Fernandez, Brian Michaels, Elizabeth McCarthy, Tiffany Namey and Kirk Root. A quorum was established. Board Member Joe Waczewski arrived at 2:18pm and at that time, there were no absent board members.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Fernandez welcomed board members and asked other attendees to introduce themselves with name and organization. Others present were Citizen Resource and Outreach Division Manager and Interim ADA Advisor, Dianne Arnold, Family Services Project Coordinator, Judi Kerr; Aunyah Harrigan, Family Services Administrative Assistant and Community Advisor – Tim Mayes, LYNX.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Board members were issued copies of the draft minutes from September 12, 2016 meeting and draft minutes from the November 14, 2016 unofficial meeting (no quorum). Namey made a motion to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes and the motion was seconded by Root. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Officer Elections

The Officer Elections for 2017 were conducted by Chairperson Jose Fernandez. Candidates for Chairperson were Brian Michaels and Tiffany Namey. Board members cast their votes with both nominees receiving three votes each which created a tie vote. Tiffany Namey withdrew her candidacy and made a motion that Brian Michaels be elected Chairperson by acclamation, the motion was seconded by Waczewski. Brian was unanimously elected as the 2017 Board Chair. Namey nominated Kirk Root for the 2017

Vice Board Chair and there were no other candidates. Namey made a motion to elect Root as Vice Chairperson for 2017 by acclamation and the motion was seconded by Joe Waczewski. Root was elected unanimously. Michaels made a motion to nominate Joe Waczewski as Liaison to the Community Action Board. Namey made a motion that Waczewski be elected by acclamation and Michaels seconded the motion, Waczewski was elected unanimously. Elections were completed and closed.

Community Advisors

- Tim Mays with LYNX reported eight companies pre-bid for the Paratransit contract and decision should be made by next month.

Old Business

ADA Advisor, Dianne Arnold stated that the closing date for the ADA Advisor position is December 13, 2016. She hopes to have a selection by the next DAB meeting in February 2017.

Tiffany Namey, Chair of the Legislative ad-hoc subcommittee, presented a draft of a legislative letter that the subcommittee would like to send to the Orange County Legislative Delegation as well as the Majority/Minority leaders for both branches of State government. The letter requests that the legislators keep the board informed on bills related to the disability community, as well as asking for them to seek out the DAB for local expertise, a discussion ensued. Michaels made a motion to accept the letter and Root seconded the motion. The letter was approved by acclamation and the Board requested that interim ADA Advisor Arnold send the letter dated December 12, 2016 via email and though regular postal mail.

New business/Discussion Items

ADA Advisor Arnold brought to discussion plans for the 2017 annual training. She said the training will include Sunshine Law and parliamentary procedure, but there is room for a third topic. She asked board members to email their topics ideas to her, plus suggested days and time. A discussion ensued on possible topics and whether to have the training on a regular board meeting day or another day altogether. Arnold stated the training will most likely take place in March or April, 2017.

Arnold also asked board members to also email her about topic ideas for the 2017 monthly presentations. She stated she is looking at having the Disability Chamber of Commerce present in January 2017 and Central Receiving Center with Donna Wyche for March 2017. A discussion ensued on other possible topics.

Board Member Reports

McCarthy did not have any business to report, but brought to discussion her concerns about unscrupulous disability lawsuits. Root reported that he wanted to work on building the community partnerships with the DAB. Michael reported that the Division of Blind Services is working on policies to conform to a new workforce innovation projects and he encouraged board members to attend their meeting. Namey reported she will email Advisor Arnold about an upcoming Epilepsy Awareness walk. No other board members had anything to report.

ADA Advisor Report

Interim Advisor Arnold reported on the status the ADA Advisor position. She also shared information about the AITA (Assistive Technology Industry Association) 2017 Orlando Conference and Exhibition taking place on January 18-21.

Public Comments

No public comments requests at this meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2016, at 2010 E. Michigan St., Facilities Training Center, Orlando, FL, 32806. Any changes will be noted in the posted meeting agenda per Orange County regulations regarding meeting notifications.