

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION

Executive Committee Meeting

LOCATION  
Centennial Hall  
101 Egan Drive  
Juneau, Alaska

Meeting Date  
January 21, 2014  
5:25 p.m.

Attendees:

Ric Nelson – Chair  
Anna Attla  
Art Delaune  
Dean Gates  
Taylor Gregg  
Karli Lopez  
Lucy Odden

Staff:

Teresa Holt, Executive Director

Minutes prepared by: Paula DiPaolo, Peninsula Reporting

**Call to Order – 5:25 p.m.**

## **DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL RETREAT**

Ric Nelson initiated a discussion about the surveys completed at the end of the retreat to identify both positive and negative aspects of the retreat as follows:

### **Survey comments noted during the Executive Committee meeting:**

- Meeting room (Admiralty Room) was too small.
- Prepare people in advance so they know what to expect to get out of the retreat.
- Not everyone had the opportunity to tell their personal story.
- People had positive comments about hearing other people's stories.

In addition, Executive Committee members shared their own further thoughts as follows:

- Find a larger room next time, but not too large so as to keep the cozy feel.
- The Goldbelt Hotel has changed their management, and they don't offer the same kind of service they did before. Perhaps research a different venue next time.
- Poll Council members in advance to see what topics they would like to see addressed in a retreat.
- Hold the retreat as an evening gathering, perhaps in a restaurant environment, for two to three hours instead of all day.
- Hearing individual stories was great, and maybe that's something that can be done on a regular basis with Council members, particularly new members.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Art Delaune **MOVED** to go into executive session. The motion **PASSED**.

## **TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The time and date of the next Executive Committee meeting was not established during this meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Anna Attla **MOVED** for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.