

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Executive Committee Meeting

LOCATION

Governor's Council Conference Room
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference

Meeting Date

January 31, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Ric Nelson, Chair
Anna Attla
Art Delaune
Dean Gates
Eric Gebhart
Taylor Gregg
Karli Lopez
Lucy Odden

Staff:

Teresa Holt, Executive Director

Prepared by: Paula DiPaolo,
Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order – 3:00 p.m.
Roll Call

GOOD NEWS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no good news or announcements reported.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Committee members discussed amendments to the agenda and added a discussion of the Disability Policy Summit under new business.

Committee members also asked for a discussion at the next meeting under old business that addresses all Council travel. Teresa Holt will prepare data relating to what has been spent on travel to date, what is left to spend on future trips, and what conferences/trips are left to plan for the fiscal year. Karli Lopez also asked for the information regarding who has attended or will be attending conferences to determine if those are the people that should attend.

Karli Lopez **MOVED** to approve the amended agenda. The motion **PASSED**.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PAST MEETINGS

Lucy Odden **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2013 meeting. The motion **PASSED**.

Committee members tabled the approval of the January 21st, 2014 minutes to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report for this meeting.

REPORTS

No reports were given during this meeting per the agenda amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

Disability Policy Summit

Ric Nelson stated that the Disability Policy Summit is in Washington D.C. April 7th through the 9th, and it educates participants on what is happening on a national level. It also provides an opportunity to meet with the congressional delegation.

Dean Gates and Anna Attla volunteered to attend the summit. Teresa Holt explained that traditionally the Council chair and Legislative Committee chair attend the meeting with a staff person, and then the Council has also paid for half of the Partners in Policymaking person's ticket. Teresa Holt stated that they have already reserved hotel rooms, but she is not sure how many people the Council will be able to send this year.

This topic will be discussed further at the next Executive Committee meeting.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Peer Power – 2/17/14, 5:15 – 6:30
- DD Committee – 2/5/14, 1:00 – 3:00
- Employment & Transportation Committee – 2/4/14, 1:00 – 2:30
- Early Intervention Committee – 2/12/14, 10:00 – 11:30
- Education Committee – 2/20/14, 1:30 – 3:00
- Legislative Committee – 2/27/14, 1:00 – 2:30
- Health and Disability Committee – 2/12/14, 2:00 – 3:00.

Dean Gates mentioned that due to some bills currently before the legislature, the Legislative Committee meeting date will be moved up a week or two so the Council can discuss taking a position on the disability identification bill, the HSGQE bills, and a mental health bill.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- AADD Meeting, February 10, 2014, Juneau
- Key Campaign, February 11 – 12, Juneau.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be February 26, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Ric Nelson asked the Executive Committee to go into executive session to discuss the executive director's evaluation. Teresa Holt asked for the discussion to remain on the record in open session. Eric Gebhart clarified that because it's a personnel issue, it would go into executive session unless the person who is being discussed requests it to be in open session.

Ric Nelson explained to Teresa Holt that the Executive Committee gave her her performance evaluation on October 16th, and the committee wanted to discuss what has been going on since her evaluation. The Executive Committee compiled a letter outlining their expectations, and that letter was presented to Teresa Holt for her review.

After she reviewed the letter, Ric Nelson asked if she had any questions or concerns. Teresa Holt replied that she needs more time to review it and will get back to them.

Karli Lopez expressed to Teresa Holt that her leadership skills have been impressive, and they are lucky to have her. Karli hopes that the letter provides the clarification Teresa was seeking regarding her performance evaluation, and Karli hopes it opens the dialogue to where they can communicate and work together.

Dean Gates commented that Teresa Holt has done a great job in her first year in this role. He appreciated her work over the last year and thanked her.

Lucy Odden also commented that it's Teresa Holt's first time being an executive director, and this is the beginning stage for her and she has done a great job.

Executive Committee members gave Teresa Holt the option to convene another meeting of the Executive Committee to discuss any questions she

may have once she has time to review the letter. Teresa stated that they can just add this topic to the next meeting agenda.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dean Gates stated that HB 280, the education for deaf and hard of hearing students in public schools, has been introduced in the legislature. He noted that the Alaska Deaf Council is looking into this bill, and Dean thinks the language of the bill needs to be modified in order for the bill to achieve what it has set out to achieve. He asked that the Council and the Legislative Committee review this bill as well.

ADJOURN

Dean Gates **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. The motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.