

# Minutes



## DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Wednesday April 6, 2005 9 AM to 10:30 AM  
Governor's Commission on Disabilities  
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**Attendees:** Bill Nieranowski (Chair);; Dodie McShane; Paul Harden (for Michael McMahon); Kevin McHale; Monica Dzialo (for Ron Lebel); Andy Argenbright.

**Guests:** Bill Anderson (for Brian Stern, Purchasing), Rob Leader (Trudeau Center), & Carolyn Fitzgerald (for Paul Grenon, MHRH)

### Minutes

**1 Call to Order and Acceptance of Minutes Bill Nieranowski, Chair.**

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Members and guests introductions

MOTION: To accept the minutes as presented PH/KM passed unanimously

**2 Pending Certifications / Recertifications: Bill Nieranowski**

**MOTION:** To approve the recertification of the following businesses owned by people with disabilities: Adaptive Technology Consulting; Thayer Wood Products; Zane Sherman; Russ Blais; EVAS; and Andy Argenbright, CPA. DM/MD passed (AA abstaining)

**MOTION:** To approve the recertification of the following businesses employing people with disabilities: OSCIL; In-Sight; and Cookie Place. DM/PH passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** To approve the recertification of the following rehabilitation agencies: The Trudeau Center; CranstonArc; Coffee Plus; The Fogarty Center; The Maher Center; Blackstone Valley Chapter RI Arc; Training Thru Placement; and Pandora's Products. MD/AA passed (KMCh, DS abstaining)

<b>3</b>	<b>Update on DBE Staffing &amp; HRIC Grant Activities</b>	<b>Bill Nieranowski</b>
<p>Discussion: The Executive Committee of the GCD will be interviewing candidates for the DBE support position on April 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>HRIC funds were spent to implement the RIVIP online catalog for DBE goods and services.</p>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Old / New Business:</b>	
○	<b>DBE Business Expo</b>	<b>Paul Grenon</b>
<p>Discussion: PH suggested that we also consider approaching the RI League of Cities and Towns to present the DBE Expo at one of their meetings. BA will research upcoming events in which the DBEs may also participate.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> To offer effective exposition training to DBEs before the DBE Expo. The chair will pursue training providers to solicit bids. MD/AA passed unanimously.</p>		
<b>Adjourned at:</b>	10:25AM DM/MD passed unanimously	