

Minutes



DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Wednesday February 8, 2006 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

John O. Pastore Center, 41 Cherry Dale Court

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Attendees:

Bill Nieranowski (Chair); Bill Anderson; Andy Argenbright; Paul Grenon; Christine Botts (Staff)

Excused:

Monica Dzialo, Paul Harden, Kevin McHale, & Dodie McShane

Minutes

1 Call to Order

Bill Nieranowski, Chair.

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the January meeting as presented. BA/PG passed unanimously

Motion: To accept the minutes of the meeting held in September 2005 as presented. PG/BA passed unanimously

2 Pending renewals / recertifications

Chris Botts

Motion: To approve the recertification of the following businesses owned by people with disabilities: Andy Argenbright, Cpa, Zane Sherman, EVAS.

To approve the recertification of the following businesses employing people with disabilities: Cookie Place.

To approve the recertification of the following rehabilitation agencies: Pandora's Products, J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center,

To approve the recertification of the CranstonARC pending approval of the application.

PG/BA passed unanimously (AA abstaining)

3 Staff report

Chris Botts

Discussion: The committee had a discussion on the regulations for the DBE Law. The purchasing department will be implementing a new system, RIFANS. This is a great opportunity to get the purchasing department to define "preference" for the DBE law. The Committee agreed, by consensus, to request Chris Botts and Bob Cooper draft regulations for the purchasing department and schedule a meeting with Brian Stern in Purchasing to

review the draft as well.

There was also, an update on the marketing seminar held on February 1, 2006 for the DBE's. The attendees were from the following organizations: Cookie Place, Arc of Blackstone Valley, In-Sight, Fogarty Center, The Cove Center, CranstonArc, James L. Maher Center, ARC of Northern RI, Spurwink, and Andy Argenbright.

Adjourned at:

10:03AM AA/BA passed unanimously