

# Minutes



## DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Wednesday January 11, 2005 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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<b>Recorder:</b>	Chris Botts
<b>Attendees:</b>	Bill Nieranowski (Chair); Bill Anderson; Andy Argenbright; Paul Grenon; & Paul Harden
<b>Excused:</b>	Monica Dzialo & Kevin McHale
<b>Guest:</b>	Rob Leader (for Doddie McShane)

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**1 Call to Order and Introductions Bill Nieranowski, Chair.**

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Members introduce themselves.

**2 Initial certification of The Cove Center, Providence Chris Botts**

**MOTION:** To approve the certification application from The Cove Center under the condition that The Chair reviews the application for completeness. PH/AA passed unanimously.

**3 Annual Renewals Chris Botts**

**MOTION:** To approve the applications for re-certification of the following DBE's  
Insight- Warwick, RI (subject to verification that they meet the 60% requirement)  
Thayer Wood Products- South Kingstown, RI  
The James L. Maher Center-Newport, RI  
The Arc of Blackstone Valley-Pawtucket, RI  
BA/PH passed unanimously

**4 DBE Staff Report**

○ **DBE Regulations Chris Botts**

1) **MOTION:** To recommend amending the DBE Law to allow for a 5% window on

competitive bids for State contracts. BA/AA passed unanimously.

- 2) **MOTION:** To delegate Bill Anderson to meet with Brian Stern in Purchasing to establish regulations that will identify and define preference. PG/AA passed unanimously

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**Annual Report**

**Bill Nieranowski**

The Committee agreed by consensus that it will publish an annual report at the end of the calendar year. The report will summarize the year's activities and accomplishments, and provide an estimate of the dollars received from State contracts.

The decision to approve the minutes of the last meeting will be postponed until the next meeting in February.

**5 Action Items Assigned**

BA – To meet with Brian Stern and the Division of Purchasing's legal staff to develop regulations.

**Adjourned at:**

10:32AM PG/BA passed unanimously