

DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 14, 2007 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Attendees:

Bill Nieranowski (Chair); Andy Argenbright, Fran Belasco, Monica Dzialo, Christine Botts; (Staff)

Excused:

Paul Harden, Paul Grenon, Kevin McHale, Monica Dzialo, and Doddie McShane

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Bill Nieranowski, Chair

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. FB/MD passed unanimously

2. Pending Certifications/Recertifications

Chris Botts

Motion: To approve the re-certification application for the DBE's that are owned by a person with a disability:

Andy Argenbright, CPA

Andy Argenbright recuse. MD/FB passed unanimously.

3. Staff Update

Chris Botts

Discussion: Chris updated the committee on the pilot recycling project with the Department of Elderly Affairs and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities. The employees at DEA have received education training on recycling from Mike Mesorella, RI Resource and Recovery. The recycle bins have been distributed to the DEA employees. Also, there was a discussion on trying to get the DHS employees located in the Benjamin Rush Building to participate in the program. The program has

a better chance to succeed if all the employees in the building are recycling. Chris and Monica will try to contact Gary Alexander, the Director at DHS for his approval. Chris is still working with Denise Brekel, Property Management, trying to locate office space for this pilot project.

Discussion: Linda Roche and Chris Botts are working on an Master Price agreement for Shredding and Confidential Document Destruction with the State of RI.

The MPA should be finalized this week.

4. Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings

The next DBE meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2007 at 9:00AM in the GCD conference room.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:30AM.