



# Minutes for Governor's Commission on Disabilities Disability Business Enterprise

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

**9:00AM-10:30AM**

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Bill Nieranowski (Chair), Monica Dzialo, Paul Grenon, Paul Harden, Andy Argenbright, Gayle Reid, Chris Botts (Staff)	
<b>Excused:</b>	Doddie McShane, Linda Roche, John Treat	
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>----- Agenda Topics -----</b>		
<b>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes 9:03AM</b>	<b>Bill Nieranowski, Chairperson</b>	<b>5 min.</b>
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as: presented PH/PG passed unanimously		
<b>Action Items:</b>	Discussion Leader:	
<b>1. Pending Certification/Recertification</b>	Chris Botts	
<p>Discussion: The committee discussed the renewal for Pandora's Products and Training Thru Placement. Currently, they are acting as two businesses under one rehabilitation agency. Each business has its own vendor ID number. There were concerns that if they have only one Tax ID number, then they wouldn't be considered two different businesses. The committee wants to determine if they have two separate tax ID numbers and separate employer ID's.</p> <p>Discussion: The committee reviewed the renewal applications for Training Thru Placement and Pandora's Products.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the applications for DBE certification for Training Thru Placement and Pandora's Products, businesses developed by non-profit rehabilitation facilities. PH/MD passed unanimously</p>		
<b>2. DBE Staff Report</b>	Chris Botts	
<p>Discussion: Chris Botts updated the committee on the Pilot Recycling Project. The Department of Environmental Management (DEM), is now officially part of the pilot recycling Project. BetterShred distributed 17 large recycling containers to DEM on February 29<sup>th</sup>. BetterShred will keep track of how much paper is diverted from the landfill by weighing the paper. There are now four agencies in the program, Governor's Commission on Disabilities, Department of Elderly Affairs, DCYF Probation, and Department of Environmental Management.</p> <p>The Committee discussed visiting BetterShred in April.</p>		

The Committee discussed the possibility of a Networking Session for the DBE's. Paul Harden suggested having an educational seminar on How a Non-Profit can be Successful. This would be a great opportunity to have presenters like Jack Maher, James L. Maher Center and Tom Kane, BetterShred . The workshop can be held at the Business Expo in May. Chris Botts will contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding availability.

Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings	Chairperson	5 min.
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Next meeting will be on:	June 11, 2008	Starting at: 9AM
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Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:15	
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**Other Information**

<b>Observers:</b>	
<b>Resource persons:</b>	