



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

**Wednesday July 8, 2009 9 – 10:30 AM**

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Tim Flynn (Chair), Andy Argenbright, Paul Grenon, Linda Roche, Paul Harden, John Treat, and Fred Trapassi
<b>Excused:</b>	Monica Dzialo
<b>Absent:</b>	Gayle Reid

## ----- Agenda Topics -----

<b>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes</b>	R. Timothy Flynn, Chairperson	5 min.
Introductions:		
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting <i>as presented/revised as follows</i> : PH and PG approved, FT Abstained.		
<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Discussion Leader:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>1. Impact of FY 2010 Budget Decisions of the General Assembly on Commission and Disability Business Enterprise Operations</b>	Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary	1hr and 20 min.

BC explained that on the evening of Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> the House Finance Committee voted to cut the Commission's General Revenue Budget by \$19,001 below the Governor's Recommendation. There wasn't any prior warning regarding these cuts, nor was the Commission singled out; these cuts were spread throughout state government.

The Committee repeatedly expressed a need for better communication going forward. TF assured the Committee that this would happen.

The Committee also demanded further clarification of the process and the budget. BC reviewed the budget and the timeline given to the GCD by the House Finance Committee.

Concern over DBE's not being notified in changes in GCD personnel handling DBE work. TF assured Committee that a letter would be sent to the DBE's following this meeting. General unease from Committee regarding the amount of time allotted for DBE work, change in direction of DBE work, and feelings of relationships lost with DBE's due to the changes. TF spoke to the need to determine the priorities for the DBE in light of the budget changes. These priorities will be discussed at the next DBE Committee meeting.

Request by Committee members to think outside the box: moving the DBE to the DLT; moving DBE to Purchasing; availability of stimulus money for the DBE.		
<b>2. Status of Division of Purchasing Regulations to incorporate the Disability Business Enterprise Program</b>	Linda Roche, Purchasing Agent's Representative	10 min.
Discussion: LR noted regulations will/can be reviewed in August of 2010.		
<b>Questions on Report on the Status of Minority/Women/Disability Owned Business Legislation</b>	Bob Cooper	10 min.
Reported that all the bills were "Held for Further Study or Continued" as of June 30, 2009: H 5215 Relating To Public Property And Works -- State Purchases S 0116 Relating To Public Property And Works -- Minority Business Enterprise H 5210 Relating To Public Property And Works -- Minority Business Enterprise		
<b>Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings</b>	Tim Flynn	5 min.
Next meeting will be on: Thursday July 23, 2009 Starting at: 9 AM		
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:35	
<b>Observers:</b>	Bill Nieranowski, Terry Thoekle	
<b>Resource people:</b>	Christine Rancourt Bruzzi (GCD), Harvey Salvas (GCD), Bob Cooper (GCD)	