



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

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

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 9–9:40 AM

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Attendees:

Terry Thaelke (Chair), Andy Argenbright, Paul Harden, Fred Trapassi, Jr.

Excused:

Monica Dzialo, Gayle Reid, Lorraine Hynes

Guests:

Bill Nieranowski

Staff:

Christine Rancourt Bruzzi

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
 <small>Clock graphic</small>	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Terry Thaelke, Chairperson	9:06
Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:06			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as <i>presented FT/PH</i> unanimously accepted.		
Action Items:			
 <small>In & our trays graphic</small>	Staff Report	Christine Rancourt Bruzzi	9:08
Purpose/Goal: Present work completed between the 12/15/10 DBE Committee meeting and today's meeting.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: To accept staff report as presented PH/FT unanimously accepted.		

 <p>Picture of certificate</p>	Update: DBE certification-recertification for 2011	Christine Rancourt Bruzzi	9:12
Purpose/Goal: Share current state of certification/recertification of DBE's for 2011			
Discussion: 1) Five DBE's submitted applications for recertification; 2) One DBE, who was sent a reminder about recertification, did not provide any of the quarterly report data and did not apply for recertification; 3) Three organizations who were DBE's in 2009 but did not apply for DBE recertification in 2010 were contacted by CRB to see if they wanted to apply for 2011 certification. One sent in the application for recertification.			
 <p>voting check off graphic</p>	MOTION: Recertify all six of the DBE applications. Motion to approve PH/FT. Unanimously approved.		
 <p>Computer</p>	Update: Website	Christine Rancourt Bruzzi	9:20
Purpose/Goal: Provide update on website. Website is up and running, however, modifications are still being made to it. to make the site more use friendly and informative. TT reported that the Newport Chamber of Commerce (Judy Silva) is willing to link our website to theirs.			

 <p>Woman running up steep stairs</p>	Goals for the DBE	Terry Thielke	9:30
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Purpose/Goal: Plan for 2011.

Discussion: 1) What are the DBE requirements as stated in the legislation? CRB e-mailed the legislation to the committee. Question was raised regarding p.3 line 28 (also repeated on p.5 line 26) which states "price established by the committee". Specifically, who was the committee that would be establishing the prices? Bob Cooper addressed this by stating that the language was meant to be consistent with the federal language. This would be a set-aside program which would apply only to rehab agencies. The bill was being introduced this week (2/7-2/12). 2) Other goals discussed: provide training links to DBEs, provide networking opportunities; send out the DBE brochure quarterly; add the brochure to the website; and, welcome new DBEs to existing DBEs via e-mail.



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MOTION: Made by TT to get an update on this legislation. Approved by FT/AA. Unanimously approved.

 <p>calendar graphic</p>	Next Meeting Agenda and Scheduling	Terry Thielke	9:39
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Next meeting will be in May 11, 2011.

 <p>alarm clock graphic</p>	Adjournment	Terry Thielke	9:40
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MOTION: To adjourn at 9:40 AA/PH unanimously accepted.

February 22, 2011