

Agenda



Executive Committee

Wednesday February 2, 2005 4:00 to 5:30 PM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Secretary: Bob Cooper

Attendees: John McDonald (Vice Chair); Rosemary Carmody; Scott Greco; Ronald McMinn; & Victoria Wilcox

Excused: *Paul Choquette (Chair)*; Regina Connor; Vicki Ferrara; ; Paul Grenon Joseph Guay; R. Timothy Flynn; & Bill Nieranowski

Agenda topics

4:00 PM Call to Order John MacDonald, Vice Chair

Discussion: The Executive Secretary call the meeting to order at 4:10 PM, in the absence of the chair and Vice Chair. The Vice Chair arrived during the interview of the first applicant for the fellowship.

4:05 PM Interviews & Selection of Fellows John MacDonald

Discussion: Members interviewed:

John Kach for the Edward J. Schroeder Fellowship et. al and

Alexander Gomes for the G. Frank Hanaway Architectural Accessibility Fellowship

MOTION: To Appoint John Kach the Spring Edward J. Schroeder Fellow. SG/VW passed unanimously

MOTION: To Appoint Alexander Gomes the G. Frank Hanaway Fellow. RMcM/VW passed unanimously

4:55 PM Other Business John MacDonald

Changing the Administrative Aide's work week/hours

Discussion: Terry would like to change her work hours from 4 - 5 1/4 hour days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday to 3 - 7 hour days: either: Monday, Wednesday & Friday or Tuesday - Thursday. There was only 1 response form a poll of the staff, recommending the Tuesday – Thursday option. The members decided that issue should be left up to the Exec. Sec. & State ADA Coordinator to determine.

DOA's request for support of their TIP Proposal for the Pastore Complex.

Discussion: The Department of Administration is submitting a project for inclusion in the

Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to fix up Howard Avenue. “This project will improve traffic and pedestrian safety on the Pastore Complex while, at the same time, increase public transportation ridership. The project also will correct deficiencies in ADA and handicapped access to the State’s facilities. Rhode Island’s plans to build a new training school for youth, a new traffic tribunal, a new state police headquarters, a new home for the Department of Elderly Affairs and other “best uses” for abandon property at Pastore will, ultimately, save the state money and improve the local economy. Our need to support your project is clear.”

MOTION: To send a letter of support for the Pastore Complex – Howard Avenue Project
SG/RMcM passed, JMacD abstained.

Adding Agenda Items for Monday’s Commission Meeting

Action Items:

1. Governor’s Budget Recommendations
2. Legislative Package (approval for substituting Medicaid Managed Care for Adults with Disabilities in place of Unrestricted Medicaid Formulary)
3. National Association of Governor’s Committees on People with Disabilities’ Training Conference

BREAK FOR DINNER

Questions about the Reports from Committee Chairs, Liaisons & Staff

Other Business:

MOTION: To add the following action items to the agenda for 2/7/05:

4. Appointment of representative to DEA’s Home & Community Care Advisory Committee
5. Revising Legislative Letter Subscription Fee – providing complementary email subscription to Commissioners & Legislation Committee Members
RMcM/SG passed unanimously

MOTIONS FROM NOV GCD MEETING:

The members decided to add to the agenda – Old Business – the Status of the motion:

To Authorize the Chairperson to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Administration, to provide financial, purchasing, payroll, and personnel service while the Commission will retain the responsibility to approve all fiscal and purchasing documents, if the FTE cap is not raised prior to 11/12/04 then the Chairperson is authorized to sign the transfer of the AAO to DOA.

Relations with the Central Business Office of DOA

Discussion: Members discussed an email and letter from the Director of Administration regarding the transfer of personnel files to the Central Business Office.

Members discussed the potential violation of collective bargaining agreements regarding the custody of personnel files of Commission employees and felt they needed legal advice.

MOTION: To seek a legal opinion regarding the custody of the personnel files of employees of the Commission, and not authorize the transfer of those files to the Central Business Office.
SG/RMcM passed unanimously

Resource Persons: Harvey Salvas & Christine Rancourt (GCD)

Adjournment at: 5:30 PM