

Agenda



Executive Committee

Tuesday March 29, 2005 4:00 to 5:30 PM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Secretary:

Bob Cooper

Attendees:

Paul Choquette (Chair); Rosemary Carmody; Regina Connor; Judi Drew; Vicki Ferrara; Tim Flynn; Ronald McMinn; Bill Nieranowski; & Victoria Wilcox

Excused:

John McDonald (Vice Chair); Scott Greco; Paul Grenon; & Joseph Guay

Agenda topics

4:00 PM

Call to Order

Paul Choquette, Chair

Discussion: Call to order at 4:05 PM.

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting, as mailed RMcM/RC passed unanimously

MOTION: To move Review of Commission Operations to the top of the agenda VW/RMcM passed unanimously

4:35 PM

Review of Commission Operations

Paul Choquette

○ **Scheduling the Sexual Harassment Training**

Discussion: Schedule for all staff and executive committee, as soon as the DBE/PI Coordinator is chosen, late April or early May.

○ **Impact on Operations of shifting fiscal/payroll to DoA/Central Business Office**

Discussion: Set up a weekly meeting, between Bob & Sandy – regarding fiscal/payroll.

ABLE TOO... producer position needs to go out to bid – to solicit proposals.

Chair decided to set aside time at each Executive Committee meetings from staff feedback.

MOTION: Direct the Commission Chair to appoint a proposal review committee to review the ABLE TOO... producers' proposals. VW/JD passed unanimously

MOTION: To direct the chair to rework with J. Drew and Exec. Sec. the attached letter to the Director of Administration with regards to custody of the Commission's personnel

files, VW/BN passed unanimously

**4:05 PM Applications for Disability Business Enterprise / Bob Cooper
Public Information Coordinator**

Discussion: Review resumes & writing samples. All interviewees will be asked to submit a sample press release announcing their appointment to this job.

MOTION: To schedule an interview with: Christine Botts; Annette Bourbonniere; Clarie Silva; & Dana Wright VW/RCa passed unanimously

**5:10 PM Recommendations for Appointment / Paul Choquette
Reappointment of Commissioners**

Discussion:

The Current membership includes:

15 Persons with Disability: 3 blindness/low vision, breast cancer, diabetes, Fibromyalgia, mobility, 2 spinal cord/paraplegia, wartime, polio, mental health, seizure, 2 neck/back

5 Business persons: 2 blind vendors, small businessperson, independent writer/consultant, former businessperson

1 Union: State AFL-CIO Council

3 State government employees: 2 DHS/ORS, DoA/OPA

1 Educator: RI College

4 Non Profit Service Providers: RIArc, Sherlock Center, Diocesan Office of the Handicapped, Southern New England Rehabilitation Center

6 Advocacy: Mental Health Consumers Association, Breast Cancer, 2 Disabled American Veterans, Injured Workers of RI, Paralyzed Veterans of America

We NEED business persons more than anything else.

The current members terms expire May 1st:

Joseph Corrente; Binyamin Efreom; Joseph Guay; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; James Pitassi, Jr.; Patricia Ryherd; & Dr. Victoria Wilcox

The Governor still hasn't reappointed the **members whose terms expired last May 1st:**

Rosemary Carmody; Regina Connor; Ronald McMinn; Orestes Monterey; Arthur Plitt

3 vacancies Class of 2004 – 2007, appointments pending for:

Joanne Behie = parents/Washington County Child & Adolescent (Mental Health) Service System;

Sharon Brinkworth = Brain Injury Association;

Lorna Ricci = vision/Ocean State Center for Independent Living

MOTION: To recommend the

1. reappointment of: Joseph Corrente; Binyamin Efreom; Joseph Guay; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; James Pitassi, Jr.; & Patricia Ryherd provided each indicates an interest in being reappointed RMcM/VW passed unanimously
2. appointment of: Judi Drew (alternative Andy Argenbright) provided each indicates an interest in being appointed, RCo/RCa passed unanimously;

Lou Salerno has resigned from the Disability Business Enterprise Committee the Commission chair makes that appointment with Advice and Consent of the Commission at

