



# Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Executive Committee

**Monday April 12, 2010 5 – 6:30 PM**

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Timothy Flynn (Chair.); Bill Inlow; Rosemary Carmody; Patricia Ryherd & Linda Ward	
<b>Absent:</b>	Kate McCarthy-Barnett (Vice Chair); Judi Drew; Paul Harden; Ronald McMinn;	
<b>----- Minutes -----</b>		
<b>Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes</b>	<b>R. Timothy Flynn, Chairperson</b>	<b>5 min.</b>
Introductions: Chair called the meeting at 5:06 PM		
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous 2 meetings as presented LW/BI passed unanimously		
<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Discussion Leader:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
<b>1. Review of Commission Operations/Budget</b>	<b>R. Timothy Flynn</b>	<b>20 min.</b>
<p>Discussion Items:</p> <p>a) The 2010 Supplemental Budget Bill as reported out of the House Finance Committee Thursday evening made NO changes from the Commission's request/Governor's recommendation.</p> <p>b) The Accretion Petition was resolved – the incumbents retain their unclassified non-union status, when each position becomes vacant it will be converted into a union position.</p> <p>c) The Community Provider Network of RI is moving and asked if the Commission would provide desk, etc. for the RI Disability Vote Project (Coordinator).</p> <p>MOTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept the Commission's FY 2010 Supplemental Budget LW/BI passed unanimously</li> <li>To accept the accretion resolution LW/BI passed unanimously</li> <li>To provide desk/phone to the RI Disability Vote Project Coordinator (with potential reimbursement or re-negotiate the CPN-RI contract RC/LW passed unanimously</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Reasonable Accommodations for Commissioners/Committee Members</b>	<b>Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary</b>	<b>5 min.</b>
Discussion: A reasonable accommodation request was recently submitted on behalf of one of the Commissions to make her attendance at the Commission meetings more meaningful to her:		

- Notify in writing two weeks ahead with rescheduling or reminders of any meetings, with cc to supports
- Whenever possible, supply minutes and other written materials to be handed out at the meeting two weeks ahead of time in order to allow time for pre-meeting review and discussion
- Consider reading level of written materials and visual basics such as use of white space and graphics in written materials and a whiteboard when presenting concepts to the group

The Executive Secretary recommend the following steps:

1. Each committee chair & staff should develop a standard agenda/meeting reminder be sent out at least 2 weeks prior to any meetings and minutes of the previous meeting;
2. The committee chair & staff identify the materials to be used at the meeting 2 weeks prior to the meeting;
3. Material should be distributed either with the agenda (2 weeks prior) or as soon after that as possible to allow time for pre-meeting review.
4. Any additional material to be handed out at the meeting should be sent out at least 2 days prior to the meeting.
5. Consider reading level of written materials and visual basics such as use of white space and graphics in written materials and use of the whiteboard when presenting concepts to the Committee/Commission.

<b>3. Recommendations from the Legislation Committee regarding:</b>	<b>Linda Ward, Chairperson, Legislation Committee</b>	<b>30 min.</b>
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a. 10 H 7105 Sub A AN ACT MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010. No position taken

b. RIPTA Elimination of Low and No Fare discounts for seniors and persons with disabilities

MOTION: To oppose the elimination of low and no fare discounts for seniors and persons with disabilities. LW/RC passed, Recused: BI

<b>4. Reappointment of Commissioners</b>	<b>Tim Flynn</b>	<b>10 min.</b>
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There are currently 4 vacancies on the Commission and the following members' terms expire on May 1, 2010:

Commissioner	Attendance	
	Commission Mtgs.	Committee Mtgs.
1. Jeanne Behie	4 of 5	12 of 16
2. Sharon Brinkworth	5 of 5	13 of 18
3. Rory Carmody	3 of 5	23 of 33
4. Ronald McMinn	4 of 5	9 of 15
5. Arthur Plitt	4 of 5	18 of 30
6. Nancy Thomas	0 of 5	0 of 2

MOTION: To recommend the reappointment (if the Commission is interested in servicing a 3 year term) the following; Jeanne Behie; Sharon Brinkworth; Rory Carmody; Ronald McMinn; & Arthur Plitt. BI/LW passed, abstain.

<b>7. Recruitment of New Members</b>	<b>Tim Flynn</b>	<b>15 min.</b>
<p>The attached Commissioners Demographics shows areas (geographic, diversity, etc.) that we should keep in mind in recommending new appointments to the Governor.</p> <p>There are no commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• from Providence or Woonsocket;</li> <li>• who are Hispanic or black;</li> <li>• from a labor union;</li> <li>• from industry;</li> <li>• from a fraternal/civic organization;</li> <li>• who is a legal professional;</li> <li>• who is a person or parent of a person with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ genitourinary impairment;</li> <li>○ learning disability; or</li> <li>○ mental illness;</li> <li>○ skin/endocrine impairment; OR</li> <li>○ vision impairment;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• a provider of services to individuals with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ genitourinary impairment;</li> <li>○ learning disability; and</li> <li>○ skin/endocrine impairment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b>MOTION:</b> To invite the following persons to the next meeting of the Executive Committee to explore their potential to be a Commissioner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roger Harris</li> <li>2. Julie DaRosa</li> <li>3. Laura Jones</li> <li>4. Latino /Asian Parent</li> <li>5. Joseph Cirillo/Fred Trapassi (hold until 2 &amp; 4 accepted)</li> </ol> <p>LW/RC passed, Abstain BI</p>		
<b>Announcements &amp; Scheduling of Meetings</b>	<b>R. Timothy Flynn</b>	<b>5 min.</b>
<p>Need to schedule a meeting to interview potential Commissioners this spring.</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee is Tuesday June 8 to interview and select fellows for both the summer and fall semesters 4 - 5:30.</p>		
Next meeting will be on:	Monday in May	Starting at: 4 PM
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:51 PM	
<b>Resource person:</b>	Bob Cooper, Secretary	