

# Minutes



## Employment Committee Thursday Feb. 22, 2007 9 AM to 10:30 AM Governor's Commission on Disabilities John O. Pastore Center, 41 Cherry Dale Court Cranston, RI 02920

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**Recorder:** Chris Rancourt  
**Attendees:** Pat Ryherd (Chair), Bill Nieranowski, Arthur Plitt, Judi Drew, Sandy Lupovitz, Paul Harden  
**Excused:** Dimity Peter, Jim Pitassi, Linda Milner, Vicki Ferrara

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**9:00 Call to Order Pat Ryherd, Chair.**

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**9:05 Meeting Minutes from July Meeting Pat Ryherd**

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from the Nov 28, 2006 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously. One edit to make. In the Update on NEADA Contract/Grant section, the sentence should read: Oce reported that the quarterly report format will remain the same for now but eventually will be reformatted.

**9:10 GCD Objective: To promote work as a life choice for people with disabilities Discussion Pat Ryherd**

PR set the stage for the meeting as being informational as opposed to a meeting where decisions had to be made in light of the new DBTAC: NEADA contract.

- The New England Board Higher Education (NEBHE) video was played – Discussion revolved around the fact the new contract the Commission has with DBTAC: NEADA is because of the state of education and the economy in RI and the other New England States as depicted in the video.
- Reviewed the DBTAC: NEADA Contract – Discussion centered its' vagueness, the number of staff people in the Commission whose work fell under the contract, the deliverables from NEADA that we need to work with e.g. the surveys and lack of due dates from NEADA on their deliverables. CR will follow up with NEADA on the surveys and the other deliverables identified in the contract. PR will follow up with the Commissioners about staff meetings.
- A goal of the contract is to connect w/ at least 2 higher education institutions. CR reported that she did make a presentation to the RI Higher Education Advisory Committee on Learning Disabilities on Feb 1, 2007. Johnson & Wales (JWU) and Brown were represented; the other colleges and universities on this advisory committee were not in attendance. The presentation that CR made will be distributed to all the members of the committee. Both Universities in attendance were eager to have the Commission's input. And JWU has requested a presentation with their career services personal to happen this semester. CR is waiting on JWU to finalize a date. JD suggested that CR make contact with Lori Hazard at Bryant University about the work they are doing as well as Shelly O' Loursen at CCRI and Ann Roccio at RIC.

JD also suggested making contact with URI's Pam Rohland

- A small segment of budget was reviewed and Bob Cooper was invited to the meeting to explain the intricacies of it. The financial constraints of the budget called for a more comprehensive budget review.

**10:25**

**Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting April 26,  
2007**

**Pat Ryherd**