

DRAFT MINUTES
STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 1 – 3 p.m.
(continued on June 18, 2014 8:30 a.m.)

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Members Present: Vincent DeJesus, Vice Chair; Liz Graves, Secretary & State Plan Chair; Margaret Molloy, NAC Chair; Jack Ringland, Council Chair.

Staff Present: Rick Costa, Executive Coordinator; Lisel Rockwood, Assistant to the Administrator.

Interpreter: Dorothy Hodge.

Public/Guests: Laurie DiOrio (ORS); Ron Racine (ORS); Pat Robert (ORS).

Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. **Welcome and Introductions / Public Comment:** Jack Ringland welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. No members of the public were present to give comment.

2. **Approval/Votes:**

Minutes of May 14, 2014: Minutes, previously sent, were accepted as corrected.

A motion was made by Jack Ringland and seconded to move the closed session to the end of the meeting. Motion failed.

Three members of the public arrived.

3. **Closed Session:** A motion was made by Liz Graves and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(4) to review the findings of the expense reports. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken in closed session.

Pursuant to Open Meeting Laws 42-26-5(a)(1), Rick Costa stated that Jack Ringland had been notified and Jack had requested that the agenda item be held in open session. Rick requested that Jack step down as Chair during said agenda item. Jack agreed and asked the Vice Chair, Vinny DeJesus, to preside. Jack was asked a series of questions concerning his travel reimbursement forms. Ron Racine, from ORS, was asked to comment concerning the misappropriation of funds. Ron stated that based on the information, he concluded that a monitoring audit of the Council's finances and procedures would need to be completed.

Due to the lack of time and the list of unaddressed agenda items, members agreed to continue the meeting on June 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

June 18, 2014

Meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. Vice Chair, Vinny DeJesus, presiding. Quorum present.

Members Present: Vincent DeJesus, Vice Chair; Liz Graves, Secretary & State Plan Chair; Margaret Molloy, NAC Chair; Jack Ringland, Council Chair.

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Jack Ringland continued to answer questions concerning additional discrepancies in his expense reports.

A motion was made by Margie Molloy and seconded to suspend Jack Ringland as Council Chair and have Vinny DeJesus become the acting Chair until the investigation has been completed, discussed at an Executive Committee meeting, and brought to the full Council. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Review May quarterly:** Liz Graves commented that members had a better understanding of the SPIL and the monitoring process due to the Educational Presentation on SILC Congress.
- 5. June quarterly agenda:** A motion was made by Liz Graves to postpone the quarterly meeting until the ORS audit and the investigation into the Chair's travel discrepancies have been completed with said information to be reviewed by the Executive Committee then to the full Council. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 6. Designated Liaisons / Reimbursement Procedures:** Draft procedures were distributed.

A motion was made by Liz Graves and seconded to adjourn the meeting and table the remaining agenda items. Motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Review Financials: tabled.**
- 8. RIPIN Presentation: tabled.**
- 9. Future agenda items and/or educational presentations: tabled.**
- 10. Announcements: tabled.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Liz Graves
Secretary