

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Videoconference Host:

Governor's Council
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1220
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Art Delaune – Chair
Corey Gilmore
Director Duane Mayes
Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich
Jena Crafton

Guests:

Malan Paquette

Staff:

Patrick Reinhart
Jamie Kokoszka
Rich Saville
Michael Stevenson
Robert Tasso
Ian Miner

Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

CALL TO ORDER – 1:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL – Quorum established

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Introductions, Announcements, or Good News

Jamie Kokoszka shared that the staff has interviewed candidates for the program coordinator I position and has submitted a request to HR.

Jamie Kokoszka reported that the Living Well Grant report is due for submission on Friday, April 28, 2023.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflicts of interest were declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and MINUTES

Director Duane Mayes **MOVED** to approve the April 26, 2023 meeting agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Corey Gilmore. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

Director Duane Mayes **MOVED** to approve the December 7, 2022 meeting minutes as presented, **SECONDED** by Corey Gilmore. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich **MOVED** to approve the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, **SECONDED** by Director Duane Mayes. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich **MOVED** to approve the March 22, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, **SECONDED** by Corey Gilmore. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

REPORTS

Chair Report

Art Delaune reported that he has been following the legislative bills of interest to the Council. Art noted that he attended the Disability Policy Seminar this week.

GCDSE Staff Report

Council staff shared the following updates:

- The Biden administration announced a comprehensive set of executive actions to improve care for families while supporting care workers and family caregivers. An informational webinar will occur on Friday, April 28 at 8:00 a.m.

- The State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) has formed a Finance Subcommittee to explore expanding services for children in the Infant Learning Programs.

BUSINESS

2023 Legislative Updates

- SB 106/HB 127 (HCBS Waiver Services)
 - Update: SB 106 was combined with HB 57
- HB 111 (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
 - Update: Currently in House Education. Public testimony was heard. Expects to be passed out of the Education Committee on Friday.
- SB 57/HB 58 (Adult Home Care)
 - Update: SB 57 passed the Senate and was transmitted to the House Finance with a scheduled meeting on April 26, 2023. HB 58 will be heard at the same time.
- Centralized Accommodation Fund (CAF)
 - Update: \$100,000 CAF is in the House budget, not the Senate budget.
- SB 104 (Civil Legal Services Fund)
 - Update: Passed all committees in the Senate and referred to Rules for a Senate floor vote.

Update on Federal Issues

Disability Policy Seminar (DPS)/Virtual Hill Day Visits

Robert Tasso reported that DPS training day was Monday, April 24, 2023. There was also a pre-meeting at the Council to discuss the fact sheets the national organization shared with partners nationwide. The pre-meeting focused on how to use their time with the delegation to communicate the intended messages best. They plan to meet with Senator Sullivan on May 2nd at 12:30 p.m. and Senator Murkowski on May 10th at 11:00 a.m. A meeting with Representative Peltola has not been scheduled. Robert noted that the talking points focus on community living, the criminal legal system, Social Security, and disability funding.

Friday Trust Joint Advocacy Meeting

Patrick Reinhart reported that the Trust Joint Advocacy partners typically meet until the end of the session with a debrief meeting after the session ends. Patrick and other Council staff attend the meetings representing the Council. Patrick noted that the meetings are open to all Council members interested in attending.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

There will not be another Legislative Committee scheduled before the Council meeting on June 1, 2023. The Legislative Committee and Council staff will prepare a report for the Council meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER AND ADJOURNMENT

Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich **MOVED** to adjourn, **SECONDED** by Jena Crafton. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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