

MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
MARCH 16, 2023

Members Present: Toby Gordon, Chair
Michelle Bitter-Oakley
Ellyn Drotzer (via Zoom)
Elizabeth Espinoza
Jorge Ibacache
John Neff
Tracy Stafford (via Zoom)
Janine Young (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Roslyn Greenberg
Linda Fishkin
Mary Kinirons
Mona Malbranche
Michelle Jones

Also Present: Kristen McIntosh, Assistant County Attorney
Carol L. Powell-Phillips, Professional Standards/Human Rights Section
Karen Hames, Real Time Reporter

A meeting of the Broward County Advisory Board for Individuals with Disabilities (ABID), Broward County, Florida, was held in Room 301 of the Government Center, Fort Lauderdale Florida, at 12:44 p.m., Thursday, March 16, 2023.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Following the Roll Call by Ms. Powell-Phillips, a quorum was established. Chair Gordon called the meeting to order.

2. WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Gordon introduced three new members to this committee. Each new member chose subcommittees to serve. The new members provided a brief background and discussed their interest in the new position. Chair Gordon answered questions and provided information regarding each subcommittee.

3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES (JANUARY 19, 2023)

Ms. Espinoza motioned to approve the minutes of January 19, 2023. Mr. Neff seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(No Board action taken.)

5. APPROVE AGENDA (MARCH 16, 2023)

(No Board action taken.)

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Gordon reviewed a list of subcommittees and members. She provided an overview of the functions of the subcommittees and to whom they report. Chair Gordon explained that after each subcommittee meets, they will report to this committee. Mr. Neff discussed the jurisdiction of the subcommittees which covers only Broward County. He explained that this committee is to advise the commissioners but cannot implement major changes without commissioner approval. Subcommittee members were listed, and minor updates were made to the committee lists. The new ABID members chose subcommittees to serve on.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Gordon stated that once the precise meeting dates are set for the subcommittees, the board will be notified. She noted that if anyone has questions, concerns, or suggestions, they should be forwarded to Carol Powell-Phillips. Chair Gordon explained that the questions would be addressed by the Commissioners at a later meeting.

A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT- Scheduled to meet in April.

B. TRANSPORTATION- Scheduled to meet in July.

C. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS- Scheduled to meet in October.

D. PLANNING- Scheduled to meet in October.

E. LEGISLATION- Next meeting is to be determined.

F. EMPLOYMENT- Next meeting is to be determined.

Mr. Ibacache requested that the group subcommittee meet excessive compliance on April 20, 2023, via zoom at 12:30 p.m. All members confirmed availability for this date. (Ms. Stafford left the meeting at 1:14 p.m.)

8. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Ibacache discussed changes that have been made to filing reports with police agencies. Discussion ensued which included personal board member accounts regarding accidents and police procedures. Ms. Bitter-Oakley stated that a report can be filed online in Broward County at donotpay.com. Mr. Neff noted a drawback of reporting small incidents due to the effect a report could have to a person's

record. Chair Gordon will inquire with the police on information related to this discussion.

Referencing a handout, Mr. Neff discussed the 2023 Legislative Session. He indicated that he has reviewed several House, Senate, and companion bills. Mr. Neff spoke on the information located within several bills. He stated that he will be tracking HB831 and HB1275, which include disability issues.

Mr. Neff noted that these bills could make a countywide disability registry possible, which would combine the city registries. Much discussion ensued regarding the potential of a countywide disability registry and the benefits it could provide before, during, and after an emergency. Emergency situations and procedures were discussed. The board made suggestions to improve communication during emergencies.

Mr. Neff acknowledged SB1694 which would address services for young adults with developmental disabilities and create a transition success network to participate in individual education plan meetings. He noted that a plethora of bills are presented each year.

9. NON-AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENT/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Gordon asked if anyone had requests for future agenda items. Mr. Ibacache spoke on a trend of services moving to digital platforms. He discussed challenges to the community in accessing those services.

Assistant County Attorney, Kristen McIntosh, reminded the board that a date needs to be chosen for ethics training and onboarding. She spoke on availability and requested that training be completed before August. Ms. McIntosh stated that training could be done over Zoom. Ms. Powell-Phillips will be scheduling both training sessions during ABID off months and advise.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Neff. Mr. Ibacache seconded the motion. With no objection, this meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.