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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 6, 2023
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Executive Committee Action and Motion Items

A. Executive Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** DHS support staff will reach out the Rhonda Staats to request her to be a lead for the 2023 GCPD Election with assistance from DHS support staff.

B. Executive Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the July 6, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda with the addition of adding the following Agenda Item: *Draft the August 16, 2023, GCPD Quarterly Meeting Agenda*. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to move forward with donating up to \$500.00 in Sponsorship to the Disability Pride Festival on behalf of GCPD and CPD; to have their logos displayed. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Ben Barrett made a motion to move forward with drafting a Press Release for the GCPD 75th Anniversary. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the August Executive Committee and Quarterly Meeting Agendas. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Executive committee members present: Margaret Kristan; Ben Barrett; and Ramsey Lee.

Executive committee members absent (excused*): Rhonda Staats*; and John Hartman.

Guests: Lawrence Brown, Community Member.

DHS support staff present: Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Angela Brenna, DHS, BADR; and Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR.

II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 640 1752 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve July 6, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the July 6, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda with the addition of adding the following Agenda Item: *Draft the August 16, 2023, GCPD Quarterly Meeting Agenda*. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and Approve June 1, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes; however, were unable to approve based on no quorum of members that were in attendance from the June 1, 2023, meeting.



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V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown stated that he was unable to gain access to an appointment as a caregiver due to hospital protocol with illness and contamination. Also stated concerns with moving transportation funds to general purpose funds and possible lack of access to transportation for people with disabilities.

VI. Discuss the 2023 GCPD Election

- Chair and Executive Committee Member-at-Large
 - The Executive Committee discussed having a point of contact person for the nominations and DHS support staff will assist with sending out communications.
 - DHS support staff will reach out the Rhonda Staats to request her to be a lead for the 2023 GCPD Election with assistance from DHS support staff. See Action Item 1.

VII. Discuss Disability Pride Festival Collaboration

- The Executive Committee discussed not having volunteers to attend the Disability Pride Festival, on July 29, 2023, and not being able to have a table at the event but wanting to move forward with donating to the event.
 - Margaret Kristan made a motion to move forward with donating up to \$500.00 in Sponsorship to the Disability Pride Festival on behalf of GCPD and CPD; to have their logos displayed. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

VIII. Discuss GCPD Membership and Attendance

- The Executive Committee discussed changes to membership and having a new member named Dan Witt recently appointed. Also discussed council representatives needing to be appointed as there are numerous vacancies and one member-at-large vacancy.



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IX. Update on State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget and Policy Initiatives

- The Biennial Budget has been signed by the Governor. The Executive Committee will monitor what initiatives have been cut and stayed in the budget.

X. Draft August 16, 2023, GCPD Quarterly Meeting

- The Executive Committee drafted the August 16, 2023, Quarterly Meeting Agenda.
 - Ben Barrett made a motion to move forward with drafting a Press Release for the GCPD 75th Anniversary. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
 - Discussed soliciting nominations for the Falconer Award to present this fall.

XI. Draft August 3, 2023, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- The Executive Committee drafted the August 3, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda:
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - Review and Approve August 3, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Review and Approve June 1, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Review and Approve July 6, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)
 - Discuss Status of 2023 GCPD Election
 - Chair and Executive Committee Member-at-Large
 - Discuss Updates on State Biennial Budget and Policy Initiatives



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- Update From A Home for Everyone Conference
 - Ben Barrett and Ramsey Lee
- Discuss Update on GCPD Membership and Attendance
- Draft September 7, 2023, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn
- Margaret Kristan made a motion to approve the August Executive Committee and Quarterly Meeting Agendas. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

XII. Adjourn

- Ramsey Lee made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Barrett seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 P.M.