

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

**Executive Committee
MINUTES**

**Videoconference Host:
Governor's Council
550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1230
Anchorage, Alaska**

Meeting Date
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Heidi Lieb-Williams, Chair
Jena Crafton, Vice-Chair
Art Delaune
Corey Gilmore
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Ric Nelson

Staff:

Jess Doherty
Michele Binkley
Jacqueline Kim
Myranda Walso

Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

CALL TO ORDER – 10:31 a.m.
ROLL CALL – Quorum established

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Jena Crafton welcomed committee members to the meeting.

Introductions, Announcements, or Good News

No introductions, announcements, nor good news was shared.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflicts of interest were declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Ric Nelson **MOVED** to approve the agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Art Delaune. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**.

Ric Nelson **MOVED** to approve the December 8, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented, **SECONDED** by Art Delaune. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**.

REPORTS

Vice-Chair Report

Jena Crafton had no news to report.

Executive Director Report and Correspondence

Myranda Walso reported that the meeting with the Governor's office on Friday, December 17th, 2021 has been confirmed.

Myranda Walso confirmed that the Council's attorney will be available for the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, December 16th, 2021. Myranda noted that she and Jacqueline Kim have been working with the attorney and expect to have a draft brief to share with the committee on Thursday.

Myranda Walso shared an update that the PPR data entry process has presented problems. The information put into the system was incorrect, and Lanny Mommsen and Jacqueline Kim spent quite a bit of time identifying the errors. Staff is working on updating the data; however, it has delayed the start of data entry for the 2020 PPR portion until the system is fixed.

Myranda Walso reported that staff finalized the draft annual report for October 2020 through September 2021. It is currently with the communications team, and they are developing the infographics and formatting the information. They anticipate printing copies for the congressional delegation, legislators, and others that may visit with the Council. Myranda noted that the Council should have the final report by the end of December.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Heidi Lieb-Williams MOVED to go into executive session, **SECONDED** by Corey Gilmore. Ric Nelson offered clarity on the motion. Ric Nelson **MOVED** for all present Executive Committee members to move into a closed executive session, joined by the acting executive director Myranda Walso and Jacqueline Kim, for the purposes of discussing deliberative and confidential records not subject to public disclosure, **SECONDED** by Corey Gilmore. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

Ric Nelson **MOVED** to appoint the acting executive director Myranda Walso to the permanent position of executive director on behalf of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education to be confirmed at the winter Council meeting, **SECONDED** by Corey Gilmore. During discussion, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus stated an objection to the process. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion **PASSED**. (4/2)

Jacqueline Kim noted that the passage of the motion means that the proposal will be put before the Council for official approval during the winter meeting. There will be an opportunity to review the decision and make comments at that event.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16th, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER AND ADJOURNMENT

Ric Nelson **MOVED** to adjourn, **SECONDED** by Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus. Hearing no opposition, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.