

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Greg Meyer <b>Vice Chair:</b> George Zaske, Sydney Badeau, Barbara Beckert, Kevin Coughlin, Pam Delap, Desi Kluth, Ashley Mathy, Stephenie Mlodzik, Daniel Parker, Hector Portillo, Nathan Ruffolo, Andy Thain, Tricia Thompson, Kelly Weyer, Amy Whitehead, Chris Wood, Houa Yang,
<b>Absent:</b>	Kedibonye Carpenter, Patrick Friedrich, Meredith Dressel, Gail Bovy, Fil Clissa, Natasha Fahey-Flynn,
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Molly Cooney, Jeremy Gundlach, Sally Flaschberger, Tami Jackson, Kaitlin McNamara, Jennifer Neugart, Beth Swedeen

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Vice Chair Greg Meyer called the meeting to order at 11:24 AM.

### 1. Chair Report:

- Chair Greg Meyer discussed the future of in-person board meetings. With COVID in-person meetings are still unknown and Executive Committee will continue to revisit this.

### 2. Executive Director Report:

- ED Beth Swedeen gave an update on the board's continued Plain Language work along with accessible design. BPDD is working on doing several training sessions per year as part of our 5-year state-plan. The next training is on February 17<sup>th</sup> and will be on Supported Decision-Making. There is a plan to do another training on community living and housing. It is planned to have the training in summer. Beth also gave updates about potential new board members and the current openings. We have a new board member who couldn't join because of her role as a teacher. The 2022 Disability Policy Seminar is in late March. Board members can participate virtually this year and staff will be working on setting up congressional visits via zoom. Our COVID extra funds have been used via community-based outreach grants. DD councils are getting more funding around public health and BPDD will be applying for those funds.

### 3. Financial Report:

- Beth discussed that our 2020 books appear to be in the negative but our accountant is working on correcting this. Our 2022 funds became available in October 2021. We are around 10-12 months behind on our spending which is a good thing since it takes time for our new funds to become available.

### 4. Executive Committee Report:

- Chair Greg Meyer talked about how the December exec committee setup the January board meeting and discussed the March board meeting. Exec also talked about reviewing the bylaws and adding project updates to board meetings.

### 5. Nominating & Membership Committee Report:

- Nominating and Membership Committee did not meet this month so there are no updates.

**6. Diversity Committee Report:**

- Chair Andy Thain gave an update on the committee's work on an equity statement for BPDD. The work is still underway and will hopefully have a draft ready in the next few meetings. There will also be diversity training available during the March board meeting.

**7. Action Items:**

Motion to accept the November 2021 board minutes made by George Zaske and seconded by Chris Wood. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Agency Updates:**

**DRW- January Updates**

- [DVC/LWV Make Your Plan to Vote](#)
- [Milwaukee Mayoral Forum Flyer](#)
- [Local Elections Matter Flyer](#)

**DHS- January Updates**

**Waisman- January Updates**

**DWD- January Updates**

**DPI – January Updates**

Motion to adjourn by George Zaske at 12:17 PM; seconded by Hector Portillo. Unanimously passed.