

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

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**Chair:** Ashley Mathy **Vice Chair:** Felicia Clayborne

**Present:**

Hope Swanson, Desi Kluth, Sydney Badeau, Lisa Stephan, Cheryl Funmaker, Julie Strenn, Cindy Piotrowski, Andy Thain, Chris Wood, Hector Portillo, Daniel Parker, Anna Eggebrecht, Ryan McGuire, Iris Jacobson, Houa Yang, Kate Szidon, Christi Whiting, Marcia Perkins, Shanice Baquet, Patrick Friedrich, Tricia Thompson, Nathan Ruffolo, Daniel Strutz, Kevin Coughlin, Tara Brzezinski,

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**Guests:****Absent:**

Stephenie Mlodzik, Kelly Weyer,

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**Staff Present:**

Molly Cooney, Tami Jackson, Jennifer Neugart, Fil Clissa, Beth Swedeen, Tami Rogers,

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Chair Ashley Mathy called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**1. Action Items:**

- Approve November 2024 minutes – Motion made by XXXX, seconded by XXXX.

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**2. Public Comments:**

- No Public Comments

**3. Chair Report:**

- Board Chair Ashley Mathy reminded everyone that Disability Advocacy Day will be held in-person on March 12<sup>th</sup> and our board meeting will be held right after and the following day.
- She also reminded members to reach out to Senators regarding Medicaid.

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**4. Diversity Committee Report:**

- The Diversity Committee watched the final segment of a recording titled “In Conversation: Black Disability Politics”. This segment was a panel of Black activists with disabilities talking about their experience being Black and disabled. This is part of the committee’s focus on exploring intersectionality.
- If anyone has materials about the intersection of disability and another community/identity (could be race, gender, sexuality, socioeconomic status, etc.) that they’d suggest looking at, please share with Andy or Molly.

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**5. Executive Director Report:**

- Disability Advocacy Day is March 12 and our board meeting is the day after, so not the third week of March
- We are doing Medicaid webinars and will be sending action alerts in real time.

## **6. Executive Committee Report:**

- The Executive Committee planned the January meeting and went over the board bylaws to update them and make sure they are in plain language.

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## **7. Nominating Committee Report:**

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- [Chair/Vice Chair duties](#)

## **8. Financial Report:**

- We are running about 10 months behind in spending, which is good because we do not have a full grant for this year
- We are only assured funding through March 14, as Congress has made no decisions on future funding.
- We haven’t heard that there are cuts to DD Councils, but there have been proposals in the past. And we know this Administration is looking for cuts in all discretionary spending.

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## **9. Agency Updates:**

**Waisman Update**

[DHS Update](#)

[DPI Update](#)

**DWD Update**

**DRW Update:**

Andy Thain moved to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Ruffolo, meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm Unanimously passed.