

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WebEx Meeting & YouTube Streaming Live
Thursday, August 20, 2020**

A regular public meeting of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on Thursday August 20, 2020 and was held as a virtual WebEx Video Meeting. The meeting was also scheduled to be streamed live on the Council YouTube page, but due to technical difficulties, the live feed was unable to be established. However, the meeting is recorded and will be posted to the Council YouTube page. The meeting was called to order by Paul Blaustein, Chairperson, who presided and read the Open Public Meeting Act and Council Vision. The meeting notice was published in the *Newark Star Ledger* and the *Trenton Times*.

Public Comment

There were 3 public comments submitted in advance to be read during the meeting.

- ❖ Laura Weinberg submitted a comment to be read during the meeting. Jonathan Seifried was present to respond to the comment.
- ❖ William Aronow submitted a comment to be read during the meeting. Jonathan Seifried was present to respond to the comment.
- ❖ Andi Li submitted a comment to be read during the meeting. Jonathan Seifried was present to respond to the comment.

Committee Reports

- ❖ Executive Committee and Chair Report was given by Paul Blaustein
- ❖ Public Policy Committee Report was given by Ellie Byra
- ❖ Grants Committee Report was given by Kevin Nunez
- ❖ State Planning Committee Report was given by Helen Steinberg

Executive Director Report given by Mercedes Witowsky

Action

Meeting adjourn at 3pm.

Minutes prepared by Jacinta Williams, Executive Assistant

Next Consumer Caucus is November 18, 2020 @ Hilton Garden Inn
Next Council meeting is November 19, 2020 @ Hilton Garden Inn

ATTENDANCE

Self-Advocates, Family Members

Paul Blaustein	Ellie Byra	Andrew McGeady	Todd Emmons
Myrta Rosa	Safiyah Muhammad	Kevin Nunez	Kara Kushnir
Helen Steinberg	Peg Kinsell	Elizabeth Dalzell	

Excused Members

Tara Montague
Gary Rubin
Walt Fernandez

DD Act Agencies Representatives & Government Agencies

Joyce Jolley, Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities
Jill Hoegel, Disability Rights New Jersey
Kim Murray, Office of Special Education Programs

No Representation, Division of Family Health Services

Karen Carroll Director, Division of Voc. Rehab. Services
Jonathan Seifried, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Developmental Disabilities
Jacqueline Moskowicz, Division of Disability Services
Phyllis Melendez, Division of Medical Asst. & Health Services

No Representation, Department of Children and Families

Public Member

William Testa, Executive Director, Arc of Morris County

Guests

Ryan Roy
Sarah Aziz
Kyle Picone
Annette Smith
Paul Aronsohn, Ombudsman
Robert Artis, DDD

Council Staff

Mercedes Witowsky	Frank Latham
Jacinta Williams	Gary Brown
Dennie Todd	Bob Titus
Kyoko Coco	Rebekah Novemsky
Jodi Fox	Jaymes Brill
Brenda Considine	