

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WebEx Meeting & YouTube Streaming Live
Thursday, May 21, 2020**

A regular public meeting of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on Thursday May 21, 2020 and was held as a virtual WebEx Video Meeting. The meeting was also streamed live on 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

- ❖ An public email comment was received by Mike Brill, read aloud and responded to my NJCDD Council Member Jon Seifried, Assistant Commissioner DHS/DDD.

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

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Minutes prepared by Jacinta Williams, Executive Assistant

Next Consumer Caucus is August 19, 2020 @ Hilton Garden Inn
Next Council meeting is August 20, 2020 @ Hilton Garden Inn

ATTENDANCE

Self-Advocates, Family Members

Paul Blaustein	Ellie Byra	Andrew McGeady	Todd Emmons
Myrta Rosa	Gary Rubin	Kevin Nunez	Kara Kushnir
Helen Steinberg	Peg Kinsell	Elizabeth Dalzell	Tara Montague

Excused Members

Kara Kushnir

Excused Members (my notes indicate both were present)

Walt Fernandez Safiyah Muhammad

DD Act Agencies Representatives & Government Agencies

Joyce Jelley, Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities
Gwen Orłowski, Executive Director, Disability Rights New Jersey
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 Moskowitz, Division of Disability Services
Phyllis Melendez, Division of Medical Asst. & Health Services

No Representation, Department of Children and Families

Public Member

No Representation, Arc of Morris County

Guests

Ryan Roy
Sarah Aziz
Kyle Picone
Paul Aronsohn, Ombudsman

Council Staff

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