



## Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting Minutes January 19, 2022

### Attending Members

Julie Austin (FA)  
Jeana Eriksen (SA)  
Karen Millender (FA)  
Rosie Ryan (SA)  
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)  
Connie Lapin (FA)  
Andy Imperato (DRC)  
Julie Neward (FA)  
Maria Marquez (SA)

### Members Absent

### Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers  
Victoria Schlussler  
Bridget Kolakosky  
Brian Weisel  
Chris Arroyo  
Shahriar Arshar  
Robin Maitino-Erben  
Mary Agnes Nolan  
Karen Mulvany  
Pamela Perls

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Julie Austin called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

#### 2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

#### 3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky called for a moment of silence in honor of Policy Analyst, Matt Traverso who unexpectedly passed away in December. Members and others in attendance then provided a brief introduction of themselves.

#### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky provided the committee with an overview of a conservatorship bill that is in the process of being drafted in legislative council. This legislation will increase transparency and self determination in the conservatorship process. LPPC Chair Julie Austin and Council Chair Wesley Witherspoon exercised their authority to move forward with bill sponsorship. SCDD is

joining a large coalition of disability rights advocates in support of this legislation.

Karen Mulvaney asked for clarification about public comment for issues not on the agenda.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Lapin/Ryan [SA]) and carried to adopt the September 2021 meeting minutes as corrected. Passed by acclamation. See page one for a record of members present.

Correction

Add Bridget Kolakosky to the list of attendees.

**6. PURPOSE OF LPPC AND OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE**

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky provided committee members with an overview of the role and responsibilities of the LPPC and went over the federal and state legislative processes.

**7. FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES**

Committee Chair Julie Austin directed committee member to review legislative and regulatory updates on the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) website. The link was provided in the chat.

**8. 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Bridget Kolakosky presented the submissions for SCDD's "There Should be a Law" contest. Council staff provided an analysis of proposal submissions and the committee discussed some of the specific legislation proposals, including bills addressing abuse, settlements, unfair hearings and regional center data collection. The committee discussed the timeline for completing analysis of proposals and next steps.

**9. UPDATES AND STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers provided a summary of the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting, which will include Cycle 45 Grants, the Council's legislative contest, and a budget update from the Department of Developmental Services.

10. **MEMBER UPDATES**

Members provided brief updates of local legislative and regulatory activities taking place in their areas.

11. **2022 MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENT**

The 2022 meeting dates are March 17, June 7, and September 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.