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Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Bylaws Sub-Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

11:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M.

Bylaws Subcommittee Action and Motion Items

A. Bylaws Sub-Committee Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Tom O'Connor will give an update on the GCPD Bylaws at the upcoming GCPD Executive Committee, November 3, 2022. Also have a final version of the GCPD Bylaws ready for review and approval by the next GCPD Quarterly Meeting on November 16, 2022.

B. Bylaws Sub-Committee Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to approve November 1, 2022, Bylaws Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion.
2. **Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve July 8, 2022, Bylaws Sub-Committee meeting minutes. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to remove the term limits as proposed so the GCPD Bylaws Sub-Committee is in compliance with EO 75 language "'appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure" and state statute 14/019(1)(b) "persons then serving on the committee remain members until they resign or until they are removed or replaced by action of the new governor." Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** David Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Tom O'Connor, Sub-Committee Chair.

Bylaws Sub-Committee Members present: David Morstad; Ramsey Lee; and Tom O'Connor.



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Bylaws Sub-Committee Members absent (excused*): Not applicable.

Guests: Stacy Stone, GCPD Liaison; Lawrence Brown, Community Member; and Ben Barrett, GCPD Member-at-Large.

DHS support staff present: Lisa Sobczyk, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Amber Mullett, DHS, BADR; and Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR.

II. Tom O'Connor, Sub-Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 160 798 5062 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and approve November 1, 2022, Bylaws Sub-Committee Meeting Agenda

- David Morstad made a motion to approve November 1, 2022, Bylaws Sub-Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. See Motion Item 1.

IV. Review and approve the July 8, 2022, Bylaws Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve July 8, 2022, Bylaws Sub-Committee meeting minutes. David Morstad seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities

- Lawrence Brown stated that he feels that term limits on GCPD should be on an individual case basis so that GCPD maintains expertise. Also, feels that term limits should be left up to the governor and should not be set in the bylaws.

VI. Discuss Legal Review Feedback on GCPD Bylaws

- The GCPD Bylaws Sub-Committee discussed feedback from DHS Legal Counsel regarding the proposed GCPD Bylaw changes specifically *Section 2, Membership Term Limits*.



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- Reviewed GCPD Executive Order from 1989; duality stating 20 members and stating appointments are at the pleasure of the Governor.
- Discussed ideas to encourage active membership through the GCPD Roles and Responsibility Document being able to be reviewed and evaluated yearly to promote membership engagement and expectations. Reviewed possible options being having a membership role and expectations agreement, council value statement or member operating agreement.

VII. Discuss How to Address Term Limits and Next Steps to Finalize Bylaws

- The Bylaws Sub-Committee discussed term limits and next steps to finalize the GCPD Bylaws.
 - David Morstad made a motion to remove the term limits as proposed so the GCPD Bylaws Sub-Committee is in compliance with EO 75 language "appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure" and state statute 14/019(1)(b) "persons then serving on the committee remain members until they resign or until they are removed or replaced by action of the new governor." Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 3.
 - Tom O'Connor will give an update on the GCPD Bylaws at the upcoming GCPD Executive Committee, November 3, 2022. Also have a final version of the GCPD Bylaws ready for review and approval by the next GCPD Quarterly Meeting on November 16, 2022.

VIII. Adjourn

- David Morstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 P.M.