

Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities

VIRTUAL Executive Committee Meeting

January 20, 2023

9:00 AM, CST

AGENDA

To join the Zoom Meeting:

Meeting URL:

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Council Member Attendees: Quinton Corwin, Matt Kaslon, Stephen Morton, Rachel Siffring, and Judy Trent

Council Staff Attendees: Kristen Larsen, Nikki Krause, Edith Titamoh, and Rachel Ward

1. Welcome – Rachel Siffring

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM, CST

Since decisions are going to be made at today's Executive Council meeting, today's meeting falls under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Nikki Krause has a copy of the Open Meetings Act and it is also posted on the Council's Meetings website.

The Governor's Public Meeting Calendar referred members of the public and media to the Council's Meetings webpage for additional information (posted January 10, 2023).

2. Review of any Potential Legislation that has a Hearing between

January 23, 2023 and February 6, 2023 – Stephen Morton and Kristen Larsen

Review and take positions on any relevant legislative bills that have a hearing between January 23, 2023 and February 6, 2023. This will provide NCDD staff time to prepare written position statement letters or testimony.

Positions include:

- Support with Testimony;
- Oppose with Testimony;
- Neutral Testimony;
- Support with a Letter;
- Oppose with a Letter;
- Neutral Letter;
- Track/Monitor only; or
- Do nothing.

Kristen Larsen gave a brief update on what Council Staff have done. There were 812 legislative bills that were introduced this session. Council staff narrowed that list to 40 relevant bills.

Kristen explained that Speaker Arch was starting the committee hearings earlier than usual. Committee hearings will begin on January 23, 2023. After sharing this information with Chair Rachel Siffring and L&A Committee Chair Stephen Morton, it was determined to call a meeting of the Executive Committee on January 20, 2023 to determine what action should be taken on legislative bills that had a committee hearing between January 23, 2023 – February 6, 2023. This would allow Council staff to prepare and submit written testimony in support/opposition/neutrality of a bill and/or to prepare oral testimony in support/opposition/neutrality of a bill, if necessary.

LB39 – Require disability impact statements for certain legislation – Hearing set for January 27, 2023

Kathy Hoell with ADAPT Nebraska (former Director of the Nebraska State Independent Living Council) worked with Senator Blood to get this legislative bill introduced. Stephen moved to support LB39 with a letter of support, and Judy Trent seconded.

A roll call vote was taken: **Yes -5, No – 0, Abstain – 0.*** Motion carried.

LB123 – Adopt the Behavior Analyst Practice Act – Hearing set for January 26, 2023

LB123 was brought to our attention by Council member Dr. Mark Shriver, Munroe-Meyer Institute - University Center of Excellence for Developmental Disabilities, that there is a need to certify the process for Behavior Analysts. Stephen moved to support LB123 with a letter, and Rachel S. seconded.

A roll call vote was taken: **Yes -5, No – 0, Abstain – 0.*** Motion carried.

Kristen raised the concern to the Executive Council that more bills could be scheduled a committee hearing that would take place by February 6, 2023. Kristen asked for a vote of confidence for Council staff to determine any action to be taken with consultation with Stephen Morton and Rachel Siffring so the Executive Committee would not need to be reconvened. Rachel S. so moved, and Judy seconded.

A roll call vote was taken: **Yes -5, No – 0, Abstain – 0.*** Motion carried.

Council staff with the assistance of Quinton Corwin and Stephen Morton will work on whittling the list of bills down further on January 24, 2023. The goal is to not have more than 20-25 bills.

3. Adjourn – Rachel Siffring

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM, CST.