

**CISCO WEBEX TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

May 21, 2020

MEMBERS Jorge Ibacache, Chair

PRESENT: Denis Bayle
Toby Gordon
Garrett R. Mayersohn
June McCarthy
John Neff
Pamela Romack
Tracy Stafford

MEMBERS Elizabeth Espinoza

NOT Roslyn Greenberg

PRESENT: Elaine Turner

ALSO Carol L. Powell-Phillips, Professional Standards/Human Rights
PRESENT: Section

Jennifer DiBono, Professional Standards/Human Rights Section

Orlando Garcia, Intergovernmental Affairs/Boards Section

Jean Russo, Broward County Realtime Reporter

A meeting of the Advisory Board for Individuals with Disabilities, (ABID) was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 via Telephonic Cisco Webex at 1:32 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A quorum was present following Roll Call by Carol L. Powell-Phillips.

2. NEW BOARD APPOINTEE: Mr. Garrett R. Mayersohn appointed by Commissioner Michael Udine. (Introduction.)

(Later in the meeting, Mr. Mayersohn joined the meeting telephonically via Cisco Webex.)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Ms. Romack, seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, the ABID approved Item 3, Adoption of Agenda, as submitted.

4. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 20, 2020**

On motion of Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Bayle and unanimously carried, the Board approved the February 20, 2020, ABID Minutes, as submitted.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Advisory Board By-Laws

Ms. Gordon and Mr. Bayle asked Ms. Powell-Phillips to provide a copy of the Advisory Bylaws.

Ms. Powell-Phillips stated that a second email with a revised Agenda was forwarded to the Board, and that another email will be provided during today's meeting. Ms. Powell-Phillips referenced the Legislative Code, noting that Ms. Garcia is available to the ABID. The Chair asked Mr. Garcia to review the Bylaws.

ABID Members expressed difficulty in hearing telephonic meeting participants. Mr. Garcia informed the ABID of the review process by Charter.

Mr. Neff asked why "non-governmental" was being removed.

In response to Mr. Neff, the Chair noted that the ABID pertains to agencies inside of the County and not to municipalities outside of the County.

The Chair asked for clarification as to the Board Secretary and Election positions, noting that there is not a reason to amend the Bylaws at this time.

Mr. Bayle made motion to accept the changes and recommendation notes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neff and unanimously carried.

(New ABID Member Garrett R. Mayersohn joined today's telephonic Cisco Webex ABID Meeting.)

b. Annual Training Day

The Board discussed Annual Training Day and the ABID's revised Meeting Schedule. Board members again expressed difficulty in hearing telephonic meeting participants.

Following discussion, the Board reached consensus that ABID's Proclamation would be virtually received by an ABID member and/or Ms. Powell-Phillips during the Board of County Commissioners Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., with the Proclamation being scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

In response to the ABID, Ms. Powell-Phillips noted that she will provide the ABID with the information needed to participate in the virtual Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. In addition, the ABID reached consensus to meet telephonically at 1:30 p.m. on June 16, 2020 for their regularly scheduled meeting.

ABID Members noted that following the ABID's June 16, 2020 meeting, that the ABID is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

ABID members welcomed Mr. Mayersohn to the ABID.

6. FINALIZE ABID 2020 ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Emergency Management

(This item was taken out of order, as well as was taken up with Item 8 on this day's agenda.

Mr. Neff expressed concern as to COVID-19, Hurricane Season, and sheltering matters, and stated that the ABID should have future discussion as relates to sheltering and persons with compromised conditions.

Mr. Bayle noted that recommendations should read, "Broward County follow all required guidelines that apply, to assure proper social distancing in evacuation shelters ensuring the maximum extent of safety from viral infections."

The Chair suggested that ABID members draft questions and send them to Ms. Powell-Phillips so as to allow Ms. Powell-Phillips to forward draft questions to agencies. The Chair expressed hope that the ABID could receive a response to questions by the ABID's next meeting.

Ms. DiBono noted that due to the upcoming Hurricane Season, staff may not have an immediate answer for the ABID; however, staff could try to coordinate a meeting for the Emergency Management Committee with staff from Emergency Management.

The Chair thanked Ms. DiBono for the possibility of a meeting, and suggested that the ABID's questions could be answered as a whole.

Ms. Powell-Phillips asked for clarification as to whether the ABID is referencing Recommendations and the Report or if the ABID was referencing 2021 moving forward.

In response to Ms. Powell-Phillips, the Chair stated that the Recommendations for 2020 that should have been released in January were already voted on with minor changes to Transportation, and that ABID's discussion is now surrounding proposed Recommendations for December of this year.

B. Transportation

Ms. McCarthy asked everyone to mute their phones due to the difficulty in hearing telephonic meeting participants. In addition, Ms. McCarthy suggested modification of language for transit to include expanding a “cashless system” for all disabled transit riders.

Mr. Neff expressed that disabled persons that meet guidelines should ride transit at no cost.

Following discussion, and without objection, the ABID recommended amending Recommendation 1 to read:

- “ABID recommends the implementation of a cashless card system, and passenger ID, and the expansion of the cashless pilot program.”

In addition, the ABID recommended that Recommendation 2 is to remain the same; however, with the response being deleted. Further, the ABID recommended that Recommendation 3 is to remain the same; however, with the response being deleted.

(Ms. McCarthy left the ABID Meeting via telephonic Cisco Webex.)

C. Education and Awareness

(No report given.)

D. Inclusive Communities

Mr. Stafford stated that Inclusive Communities has no longer been pursued; however, suggested that the ABID could extend invitation to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to make presentation to the ABID and encourage County Commission participation.

E. Legislation

(No report given.)

F. Employment

(No report given.)

7. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

(None.)

8. NON-AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENT/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Mayersohn pointed out available assistance for persons with spinal cord injuries. In response to Mr. Mayersohn, the Chair asked Mr. Mayersohn to provide information to Ms. Powell-Phillips for distribution to the Board.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, the Chair adjourned today's ABID Meeting via telephonic Cisco Webex at 2:52 p.m.)