

**MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

September 19, 2019

MEMBERS Jorge Ibacache, Chair
PRESENT: Denis Bayle
Elizabeth Espinoza
Toby Gordon
Roslyn Greenberg
Tracy Stafford
Elaine Turner (Telephonic prior to Item 1.)

MEMBERS June McCarthy
ABSENT: John Neff
Veronica Palomino
Pamela Romack

ALSO Carol L. Powell-Phillips, Professional Standards/Human Rights
PRESENT: Section
Vanesha Sinclair, Professional Standards/Human Rights Section
Jean Russo, Broward County Realtime Reporter

A meeting of the Advisory Board for Individuals with Disabilities, (ABID) was held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 1:07 p.m., in Room 301 of the Broward County Governmental Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order. A quorum was present following Roll Call by Vanesha Sinclair, Professional Standards/Human Rights Section.

Ms. Sinclair introduced Carol L. Powell-Phillips, Professional Standards/Human Rights Section staff to the ABID. Ms. Sinclair advised the ABID that Ms. Powell-Phillips has been assigned as new staff to the ABID. Ms. Powell-Phillips provided a brief overview of her professional experience with Broward County.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Ms. Greenberg, and without the objection, the Board adopted the Agenda as submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2019

- Amended Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2019

Ms. Sinclair noted that Ms. McCarthy made request to the Professional Standards/Human Rights Section to amend the May 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes. At the time of Ms. McCarthy's request, the May 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes were mistakenly amended by Professional Standards/Human Rights Section. Due to Ms. McCarthy not being present at this day's meeting, the May 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes and the May 16, 2019, Amended Meeting Minutes, were not taken up by the ABID, and are intended to be taken up at the next ABID Meeting.

(It should be noted that requests to amend Meeting Minutes should be made and voted on under "Approval of Minutes" at the next ABID Meeting. Amendments are made by the Realtime Reporter/Minutes Secretary following approval by the Board. Original Meeting Minutes as well as amended Meeting Minutes are filed as the official record of the meeting.)

- Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2019

On motion of Ms. Greenberg, and without the objection, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019, as submitted.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair noted that the ABID should start working on Recommendation verbiage for the Board of County Commissioners.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Gordon stated that she was following "Minutes." (A date relative to "Minutes" were unidentified by Ms. Gordon.) Ms. Gordon noted that "Minutes" should reflect that she is a certified paralegal in the State of New York and not in the State of Florida.

On motion of Ms. Espinoza, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and unanimously carried, the ABID amended an unidentified date of "Minutes" as stated by Ms. Gordon.

ABID Members provided self-introductions.

A. Transportation

Mr. Stafford provided a Transportation Committee update to the ABID. Mr. Stafford referenced correspondence that he received from Broward County a few weeks ago relative to taxicabs and a TOPS Pilot Program. Mr. Stafford noted that he received a card so as to be used for taxicabs, with TOPS providing \$18.00 per fare, per day. Mr. Stafford stated that for the most part, the Pilot

Program is great, but that today he was an hour late for today's ABID Meeting due to TOPS running behind schedule.

Ms. Gordon and Ms. Greenberg noted that issues arise for senior citizens when senior citizens cannot receive updates relative to late pickups, as some senior citizens do not have access to smart phones and computers.

In response to Ms. Gordon and Ms. Greenberg, the Chair agreed with comments, and encouraged the Transportation Committee to seek an update on tracking software so as to address transportation updates relative to communicating information to users.

Mr. Stafford noted that users can get in touch with TOPS via landline to schedule rides. In addition, Mr. Stafford noted that users receive an automated message from TOPS the night before a scheduled pickup; however, users are unable to respond, due to messages being automated.

Ms. Greenberg suggested that TOPS drivers be more sensitive, and provide better feedback to users. ABID Members encouraged users to provide feedback to TOPS.

In response to Mr. Stafford, the Chair noted that he will assist Mr. Stafford in emailing Ms. Powell-Phillips to request a Transportation Committee Meeting prior to the next ABID Meeting. Mr. Stafford asked Ms. Powell-Phillips to follow up with a phone call whenever emailing him. In addition, the Chair asked Ms. Powell-Phillips to email the Board when a Committee Meeting has been scheduled.

B. Education and Awareness

(No Committee Report given.)

The Chair recalled a comment that was made at a past ABID Meeting relative to an ABID Member identifying a role or a goal. The Chair asked Ms. Espinoza to go through her notes so as to help identify a role or a goal. In addition, the Chair referenced a booklet that Public Communications publishes annually, and suggested that resources and agencies be identified on a flowchart dependent upon various and specific needs of persons.

Ms. Greenberg referenced a psychologist that is willing to provide information to the ABID. In response to Ms. Greenberg, the Chair commented that public input is welcome at ABID Meetings under Public Comments.

C. Legislation

Ms. Espinoza noted that she is starting to review legislative updates relative to specific Bills that the Board could discuss for Recommendations. Ms. Espinoza noted that she will email Marty Cassini in Intergovernmental Affairs if any questions arise.

Mr. Stafford requested being added to the Legislation Committee.

D. Emergency Management

The Chair recalled past ABID discussion as to the introduction of the word or words, “disabilities” or “disable” on the Vulnerable Population Registry.

Mr. Bayle provide the ABID with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA’s) Guidelines for Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Response Mitigation and Recovery. Mr. Bayle noted that FEMA has preferred and avoidance verbiages. In addition, Mr. Bayle pointed out that FEMA’s preferred wording is “people with disabilities.” Language to avoid is “the handicapped, the disabled, the impaired, and the challenged.” Further, Mr. Bayle suggested that the ABID take a closer look at verbiage at another ABID Meeting.

Mr. Bayle made suggestion for a committee meeting to discuss realtime computer access relative to emergency shelter openings, as well as made suggestion for a Sunshined Meeting wherein he would be able to collect information via telephone so as to learn more information from emergency management personnel.

The Chair noted that Mr. Bayle could hold an Emergency Management Committee Meeting and request a meeting with a specific agency, and that ABID Members could attend. The Chair suggested that the Emergency Management Committee and the Transportation Committee could meet with departmental staff on Thursday, October 17, 2019, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. or another time in November of 2019. In addition, the Chair encouraged the ABID to prepare and email staff documents and questions prior to the meeting. Ms. Powell-Phillips noted that she will seek clarity from Steve Patterson as to meeting with directors.

E. Inclusive Communities

Mr. Stafford noted that the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) World Health Organization encourages cities to participate in Inclusive Communities. Mr. Stafford noted that the City of Wilton Manors has been designated as an Inclusive Community. In addition, Mr. Stafford suggested that Intergovernmental Affairs be notified that the ABID is interested in Bills affecting the disabled community.

F. Employment

(No Committee Report given.)

G. Accessibility Compliance

(No Committee Report given.)

6. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

(None.)

7. NON-AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to Ms. Powell-Phillips, the Chair clarified that the ABID would like to make contact with Emergency Management, Transportation, Board and Appeals, and Broward County Building Department.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

(None.)

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Gordon, and without objection, today's meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

(A copy of the audio recording of this meeting is available upon request by calling Document Control located in Room 336U, at (954) 357-7297.)