



STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Executive Committee Meeting

June 17, 2026

1:30 PM – 2:30PM

ZOOM

PRESENT: Acting Chair Ryan Witterschein, Acting Secretary Krystal Chase, DSE Representative Lisa Beck, and SILC Assistant Jennifer Beaulieu.

Chair Ryan Witterschein called the meeting to order at 1:36pm.

*Quorum was reached.

Approval of the Minutes

***Ryan Witterschein noted that we approve the minutes with the edits that Deborah Ritcey sent.**

Second: Krystal Chase

Discussion: None

All in Favor: Yes

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

PPR Update

Ryan Witterschein mentioned that he talked with Peter Nye at ACL. He now has access to the PPR portal. He noted that Peter Nye's biggest concern is knowing the results of the election in September.

Jennifer Beaulieu mentioned that we still need to submit the PPR revisions. Lisa Beck mentioned that they got clarification on the questions we had. One of the clarifications was adding ex-officio to the state agency representatives and clarifying that the state agency representatives are non-voting. She noted that VR just had to clarify the number of people with other disabilities because the number didn't mesh with the number in the declared disability categories. She mentioned that that the guidance that they got is that state agency representatives aren't supposed to be voting members. The state agency representatives are Lisa Beck, Isadora Rodriguez-Legendre, and Joshua Gehling. Those individuals are now non-voting members. Discussion ensued on how that impacts the membership amount and majority requirement.

There was a question on if ex-officio members are included in the majority requirement. Ryan Witterschein noted that he thinks that ex-officio members don't count towards the majority requirement. Ryan Witterschein mentioned that this is something that we need to be cautious about when we are vetting new members to make sure we are still meeting the majority requirement. Jennifer Beaulieu mentioned the idea of updating the application to add something for state agency and CIL employees.

Website Discussion

Jennifer Beaulieu asked about the website. Ryan Witterschein mentioned that we recently got an invoice for the website. There were questions on whether the invoice is for the person who manages the website or if it is for the domain. Jennifer Beaulieu mentioned that she thinks it is for the server that the website is hosted on. The question is on whether the Executive Committee wants to switch to a different provider. She mentioned how she has to ask for the invoices. The last invoice covered two budgets, which is not ideal. Discussion ensued. Ryan Witterschein asked how much it costs per year. It costs \$219 per year. Discussion ensued. Jennifer Beaulieu will send an email to the server provider and let server provider know about the situation.

Other Business

With Randy Pierce stepping down, Lisa Beck asked if there was going to be someone representing Future in Sight on this council. Ryan Witterschein noted that Nathalie Fortier is going to be the representative from Future in Sight. He has a call with her tomorrow morning. He will go through the onboarding process with her.

Ryan Witterschein asked what the membership composition is right now for people with disabilities versus people without disabilities. Jennifer Beaulieu mentioned that right now it's 5 people with disabilities and 5 people without disabilities. The total membership is 10 with 4 pending appointments. Ryan Witterschein mentioned that he might know someone who might be interested in joining and has a disability. There were questions on the pending appointments. Jennifer Beaulieu mentioned that they recently found out that the Governor's Office is no longer using the online form. She asked the Governor Office's Director of Appointments what the process in the future for requests for appointments would be. She is still waiting for a response. Ryan Witterschein asked out of those who are pending, how many are people living with a disability. Jennifer Beaulieu responded that for those pending, one is definitely a person with a disability, but she isn't sure about the other pending appointments. Krystal Chase asked what is the maximum number of members the council can have. The maximum number of members is 14. 8 of those members need to be a person living with a disability. Jennifer Beaulieu noted that the majority of members need to be people with disabilities not employed by a state agency or a center for independent living. As of right now, even with the pending appointments, we won't meet the majority requirement. Ryan Witterschein asked what would happen in that situation. Jennifer Beaulieu noted that a concern might be raised by Peter Nye. Krystal Chase noted that she doesn't think we have anyone with a brain injury represented on the council and she can see if anyone would be interested in representing the brain injury community. Ryan Witterschein mentioned that the problem is that once the pending appointments are approved, we would be at max capacity, but we won't meet the majority requirement. Jennifer Beaulieu noted how Deborah Ritcey once said that the bylaws can be changed to increase the max membership number. There were questions on where the majority requirement came from. Jennifer Beaulieu mentioned that the requirement is from a federal law.

Ryan Witterschein noted that what it comes down to is changing the bylaws to increase the maximum membership number. He noted his only concern with that is that it creates a slippery slope. He worries we will change the bylaws to meet this requirement but end up in a similar situation in the future. Krystal Chase mentioned how we should really be recruiting those with a disability instead of changing the number of members to meet the requirement. Krystal Chase mentioned that there will be a Governance Committee meeting in a few weeks. She could talk about it at that meeting to get Deborah Ritcey's thoughts. She also could get a historical perspective from Erin Hall who regularly attends those meetings.

Ryan Witterschein mentioned that Andrew Harmon wants to talk with him next week on the leadership of the NH SILC. He doesn't know what he means by that, but he is guessing Andrew Harmon is interested in running for a position.

Adjournment

***Krystal Chase motioned to adjourn.**

Second: Ryan Witterschein

Discussion: None

All in Favor: Yes

Abstention: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54pm.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Beaulieu.