

**Fairfax Area Disability Services Board
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2022**

FA-DSB Members in Attendance:

- Deborah Hammer, Chair, Mount Vernon District
- Brandis Ruise, Vice-Chair, Lee District
- Judith Turcott, Secretary, Fairfax City

Others Present: Claudia Vila, Karen Kelly, Delali Osei-Boateng (Department of Family Services, Disability Rights and Resources), Nataly Wright (member of the public- via Zoom)

Members of the public had the ability to access the meeting in-person or via Zoom.

Minutes and Agenda:

1. **Call to Order:** Roll call was done to establish that a quorum was present.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment. Nataly Wright introduced herself to the committee.
3. **Executive Committee Meeting Items:**
 1. May 2022 Minutes:
 - Executive Committee minutes for its May were reviewed and voted for. They were approved by Deborah and seconded by Brandis.
 2. FY 2023 Board Priorities:
 - Judith provided an update regarding the board priority pertaining to general disability training to the Department of Family Services boards. Claudia updated the committee regarding her recent exchanges with Ann Deschamps, Director of the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center. The organization is keen to provide the training, and Ann is currently working on a proposal of what that would entail, based on previous discussions with Claudia. Judith stated that she and Brandis are scheduled to meet with Ann the following week to discuss the training in greater detail. After that meeting Claudia, Judith, and Brandis will meet to discuss the next steps and present them to the executive committee and full board.
 - Brandis and Deborah discussed an upcoming meeting with Rachna Sizemore Heizer, the new Chair of the Fairfax County School Board. Their goal is to connect, give her information regarding the FA-DSB, and speak with her about working on transition programs from school to work. They would like to speak about supporting adults moving out of the school system.
 - Claudia provided an overview of the new FOIA regulations. She asked that members of the FA-DSB be mindful of the in-person quorum requirement and try not to make too many last-minute changes to meeting attendance.

- FA-DSB meetings cannot be held without a quorum physically assembled at its designated meeting location. These new regulations come directly from the state, so there is little wiggle room for interpretation or exceptions. Claudia will provide the same overview of the new requirements at the full board meeting immediately following this committee meeting.

4. Engaging with the community:

1. Deborah would like to engage more frequently with the community in a more meaningful way and would like the committee keep thinking about how to accomplish this. Claudia and Delali are attending the upcoming Celebrate Communication event, held by the Northern VA Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons. They will share the FA-DSB flyer at that event. A suggestion was made to have FA-DSB presence at future library events, farmer's markets, and Fairfax County Public Schools events. The executive committee considered disseminating information through the Fairfax County Parent Resource Center, as well as other senior events throughout the community. Claudia suggested that the FA-DSB participate at the 2023 ADA Anniversary celebration, currently being conceptualized by Disability Rights and Resources, for Department of Family Services staff.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 pm and seconded. The meeting was adjourned by Deborah.