

Unapproved Minutes



Wednesday, July 15, 2020
2:30pm

Meeting was available via
videoconference/teleconference only.

AZSILC Board Members Present: Shawnique Cotton, Susan Molloy, Scott Lindbloom, Randy Russell, and Laura Duval, and Audra Paletta.

AZSILC Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Melissa Ann Santora and Sarah Kader

Public Present: None

Welcome and Introductions:

Shawnique Cotton, AZSILC Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:43 pm and introductions were completed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

Susan Molloy called for public comment. No public comment was received.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Scott Lindbloom moved to approve the AZSILC Board meeting minutes for 6/2/20. Laura Duval seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The following opposed: None. The following abstained: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Chair:

Shawnique Cotton expressed excitement over serving as Chair. She thanked Sarah Kader for her work on the letter to the Governor regarding the Crisis Standards of Care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Report of the Treasurer:

Laura Duval presented the report of the Treasurer. Laura Duval reviewed the May financials and said she had asked Sarah Kader questions that Sarah Kader had answered previously. Laura Duval asked a question about the SILC Congress bill and Melissa Ann Santora informed the Board that the check had been deposited last week.

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Scott Lindbloom moved to approve the May Financial Statements. Randy Russell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The following opposed: None. The following abstained: none. The motion carried.

Report of the Personnel Committee Chair:

Laura Duval provided a report that staff evaluations had been completed and she had met with Executive staff to go over them.

Report of the Executive Staff

Melissa Ann Santora provided a report for her role as Director of Innovation. She explained that there were four virtual youth leadership forums that were very successful and require a lot of work and innovation. Sara Ann's emergency preparedness work is also going well, with a successful Partners in Preparedness Summit kickoff event on June 30th. We also received new funds from ADHS for COVID-19 specific work. The upcoming statewide youth forum is occurring at the University of Arizona and there have been many preparations regarding COVID-19 so all remain safe. Melissa will also be mentoring the Nevada SILC for youth leadership work.

Sarah Kader provided a report for her role as Director of Operations. Sarah thanks Melissa for all of her work on the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) and explained that the SPIL had been submitted and the representative from the federal government had received it. Sarah also explained what is going on with the Crisis Standards of Care in Arizona hospitals regarding COVID-19. Sarah explained the AZSILC was a co-signer on the letter to the Governor, that the Governor's Office hasn't responded and that the Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL) is preparing to file a complaint. Sarah reported that the end of the fiscal year wrapped up well and all was taken care of. Sarah also reported that she will be attending this year's Arizona Alliance for Nonprofits annual conference in August. Sara reported that AZSILC is also participating in a virtual voter registration drive with ACDL, as voting is an important piece of independent living and disability rights. Sarah attended a NCIL policy update. Sarah is also working on a letter with ACDL to businesses about accommodations for people with disabilities regarding their mask policies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session, during which time Melissa Ann Santora and Sarah Kader were not present. When Melissa and Sarah returned, Laura Duval informed them that the Board of Directors approved the requested informal review for Sarah Kader in December. The Board also approved the cross-training of Sara Ann Joehnk to take the position of Director of Innovation when Melissa Ann Santora leaves AZSILC. Sarah Kader and Sara Ann Joehnk can discuss administrative assistant needs at such time once Sara Ann moves into that role. The co-director structure will remain in place at this time.

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Announcements:

Audra informed the board that she is engaged, and congratulations were shared.

There were no further announcements.

Call to the Public:

AZSILC Board Chair, Shawnique Cotton, called for public comment. No public comment was received.

Adjournment:

Laura Duval moved to adjourn. Scott Lindbloom seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.