



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CITIZENS (GACEC)
Leadership Committee Meeting
6:00 PM, January 9, 2025
VIRTUAL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Cavalier, Bill Doolittle, Ann Fisher, Beth Mineo, Trenee Parker, Jennifer Pulcinella and Meedra Surratte.

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Weir/Executive Director, Theresa Moore/Operations Support Specialist.

MEETING NOTES: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. Bill Doolittle made a motion to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded by Al Cavalier. The motion passed. Bill Doolittle made a motion to approve the November minutes and was seconded by Jen Pulcinella. The motion passed with Beth Mineo abstaining.

1. Pam provided an update regarding the need for improved communication and collaboration with the Department of Education (DOE) around regulations. She has spoken with Dale Matusevich about this concern and asked him to talk to his leadership to see if we can get information at the same time that it goes to the State Board of Education for a vote. She also requested that DOE respond to the GACEC as the SAP in writing once they receive our recommendations and feedback. Pam will ask Dale to give any updates at the January General Membership meeting.
2. Pam met with the Membership Committee to discuss the SAP vacancies and the need to fill these positions. She has reached out to Boards and Commissions and asked for any recent applications and to schedule a meeting to discuss things. There was a meeting scheduled but was cancelled by Boards and Commissions due to the transition of the new Governor still in the process.
3. Trenee recommended that we meet with Lieutenant Governor elect Gay to discuss the Child Protection Accountability Commission structure to see if we could apply a similar structure in the GACEC.
4. Pam proposed a new approach to align committee work with the Council's goals, suggesting that each committee should prioritize one goal to focus on. This would help staff members to better support the committees and make progress on their goals. Staff could work with individual committee members to research data, legislative work, attend meetings held during times when council members are working, and other relevant areas

to bring information back to the committee. Al suggested that this be made available to all committee members.

5. Staff sent out the surveys for members for the Restraint, Seclusion, and SRO and the Prison Education ad hoc committees. We have members who are interested to work on these ad hoc committees, so we will be sending out some dates to get these ad hoc committees started.

ADJOURNMENT: Ann Fisher officially adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm.

OLD ACTION ITEMS:

1. Pam is working to draft a plan to work with the Secretary of Education and the State Board of Education. That plan will develop as new State leadership is put in place.
2. Bill suggested that we set up an opportunity for the Registrar of Regulations to come and present to the Leadership Committee. We want to be clear on the statutory process.
3. Council members will send two to three focus areas or indicators for the Council to prioritize by November 22nd to the staff.
4. Pam will contact Legislators to gather information on their priorities and ongoing initiatives.
5. Pam will request a meeting with Governor-elect Matt Meyer and his team to discuss the Council's role and membership process. This meeting will also include the Leadership Committee members.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

6. All committees to provide their top priority to Pam for better alignment and focus of staff resources.
7. Lacie to send out the list of ad hoc committee volunteers to the Leadership Committee members.
8. Pam to draft agenda for initial ad hoc committee meetings focusing on structuring the work and desired outcomes.
9. Pam to schedule the initial meetings for the Restraint, Seclusion and SRO ad hoc committee and the Prison Education ad hoc committee.
10. Pam to meet with Trenee to discuss how the Child Protection Accountability Commission structure could potentially be applied to the GACEC.