



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CITIZENS (GACEC)
Leadership Committee Meeting
6:00 PM, June 4, 2026
VIRTUAL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Cavalier, Bill Doolittle, Tika Hartsock, Kristina Horton, Molly Merrill, Beth Mineo, Trenee Parker, Erika Powell, and Jennifer Pulcinella.

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Fisher, Jessica Heesh Mensack

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Bill called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved unanimously without modification. Molly Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes from March and May, which was seconded by Erika Powell. The motion carried unanimously, with Beth Mineo abstaining. April minutes were tabled for corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment tonight.

DISCUSSION:

The committee reviewed procedures for handling meeting recordings and transcripts, including considerations related to FOIA compliance. Minutes from March and May were approved, while the April minutes were returned for revision to ensure clarity.

Members discussed reports of inaccurate or misleading information being shared by external advocates, as well as concerns about the accuracy and tone of information presented at a recent community event on disability topics. The committee emphasized the need for improved coordination and alignment with partner organizations to support consistent public messaging.

The committee noted that public education on special education processes is carried out by external agencies and discussed ways to support collaboration.

Retreat planning was reviewed, with a plan to collect input from the full council to identify priorities. The group also reviewed adjustments to meeting structure, including the order of committee reports and voting procedures.

The committee discussed adopting Robert's Rules of Order for meeting governance and reviewed associated considerations. A potential parliamentary role was identified for future discussion. Staff provided an update on a recently completed audit. The meeting concluded with action items assigned for follow up.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tika Hartsock made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Erika Powell. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:20 pm.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- Post Robert's Rules motion and summary links again for leadership committee review
- Schedule a leadership committee meeting in early July dedicated to planning the retreat format and purpose
- Bump up priority of meeting with PIC to discuss parent engagement vacuum and their current activities
- Modify meeting procedure to call on committee reports in order of readiness rather than fixed order
- Consider implementing new voting procedure requiring all members to actively participate in votes rather than automatic consent
- Present retreat planning discussion at full council meeting and collect input via chat for leadership committee to review
- Develop proposal for parliamentary role and potential training
- Reach out to PIC to set up meeting to discuss parent training and current activities