

Minutes

HOME CARE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS BOARD

November 29, 2022

2:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Per Assembly Bill (AB) 253 (2021), public bodies whose members are not required to be elected officials may hold public meetings by means of remote technology system with no physical location.

Accordingly, all members of the public were encouraged to participate by using the web-based link and teleconference number provided in the notice.

Call to order– Cody Phinney, Chair Designee

Cody Phinney, Chair opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 2: Roll Call – Kayla Samuels, Management Analyst

Kayla Samuels reviewed expectations for the meeting and took roll call.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cody Phinney, Chair Designee
Brett K. Harris, Labor Commissioner
Safiyyah Abdul Rahim
Robert Crocket
Farren Epstein
Stephanie Schoen
Shanieka Cooper
Kristi De Leon
Maxine Hartranft

DIVISION OF PUBLIC & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT:

Kayla Samuels, Management Analyst, Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dawn Ralenkotter, Home Care Worker
Vanessa Torti
Dave Bates
Jessica Valentine
Melissa Pinnick
Kathryn Gordon
Marlene Lockard
Gloria Madrid

Joseph Mondestin
Matt McDonald

Roll call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum of the Home Care Employment Standards Board (HCESB) was present.

Chair Phinney said staff have done a deep dive into the language of the regulation of the Board and the charge of HCESB is to give the report to the Director, and the Director has the authority in the statute that created the Board to accept those recommendations, send the recommendations back to this board, view this board's work as complete, or convene the Board again. The Director will make that decision whether HCESB is reconvened. Chair Phinney said she knows the Director is contemplating reconvening. The Board may share their thoughts with the Director, but the Director will be making the decision. Chair Phinney said she knows the Director is very eager to have the report and is very supportive of most, if not all, of the recommendations HCESB is providing. Chair Phinney said this board has been a great deal of work and a great deal of success and thanked everyone for their participation.

General Public Comment

Kristi De Leon said she believes HCESB has done an awesome job and is proud to be a part of it. Ms. De Leon said she hoped when the research and findings are presented, that it is considered if the Board can continue. Ms. De Leon said HCESB has done so much and that she is looking forward to continuing.

Agenda Item 4: Action Item – Approve Minutes from October 25, 2022, HCESB Meeting

Chair Phinney called for edits or discussion on the October 25, 2022, meeting minutes. None heard.

Chair Phinney called for a motion to approve the October 25, 2022, meeting minutes. Robert Crockett made a motion to approve the October 25, 2022, minutes. Brett K. Harris seconded the motion. Chair Phinney called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Action Item: Discussion and approval of the draft HCESB 2022 Report to Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Kayla Samuels, Management Analyst I, Health Care Quality and Compliance

Ms. Samuels noted Farren Epstein had joined the meeting.

Ms. Samuels said there were not many substantial changes to the draft report and that DPBH Public Information Officers (PIOs) helped fine tune the document. Ms. Samuels asked for any discussion about the draft report.

Chair Phinney asked for suggested edits or changes to the draft report. None heard. Chair Phinney asked if a board member would like to motion to move to approve the report, stating that she would ask that the motion allow the flexibility to let the PIOs make any non-substantive corrections. Not to change any substance, but grammar changes.

Farren Epstein made a motion to approve the HCESB 2022 Report allowing for non-substantive corrections to be made by staff before submission to the Director of DHHS. Shanieka Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

General Public Comment

Shanieka Cooper said though the Board started a little rocky, she is honored to be part of HCESB and is pleased with all the accomplishments the members have been able to work together and get done. Ms. Cooper said for her, the biggest part was having Ms. De Leon and Mr. Crockett as owners of agencies being able to come together collectively and accomplish things. Ms. Cooper said she has learned so much and is honored to be here. Ms. Cooper said the Board is at its end and it is bittersweet, but that she sees a lot of great things coming. Ms. Cooper thanked the Board for their hard work.

Chair Phinney said if anyone has questions about how the report is moving forward as the legislative session progresses, people can always email Ms. Samuels or herself to receive answers and be provided information. Chair Phinney said staff cannot take positions on bills, but can certainly provide information and let people know about things that are happening during session.

Adjournment – Cody Phinney, Chair Designee

Chair Phinney asked for a motion to adjourn.

Maxine Hartranft motioned to adjourn. Safiyyah AbdulRahim seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:18 p.m.