



**Maine Developmental Disabilities Council**  
February 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Handouts</b>	<b>Highlights</b>	<b>Motions</b>
NOTE		This was a hybrid meeting. Council members who attended in person were: Abbott Philson, Kile Pelletier, Jon McGovern, Maryann Preble, and Andrea Dole at the MDDC office.	
Welcome, Introductions and Hot Topics		Abbott opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to say their name, position, and a Hot Topic or discussion item. Topics include: Family participation in research, understanding plain language, and acronyms.	
Review of 11/08/2023 meeting minutes	11/08/2023 Meeting Minutes	Minutes were reviewed. Roll Call vote to accept the minutes as written.	Maryann P. made motion to accept, Jon M. 2 <sup>nd</sup> . No discussion, minutes accepted with 18 yay votes and 2 abstain.
Council Business	Staff Update Information	There were no questions or discussions about the Staff update.	
Executive Committee Report	Executive Meeting Minutes	The Executive Committee reported that all members have received training on how to run a Council Meeting. Accessibility for all will be accomplished by having no chat. A check for \$100 to pay a participant in the COVID advertising project in 2021 was voted to reissue from Council Savings as COVID funds were completed on 09/30/2021 as a one-time courtesy. A letter was sent on behalf of the Executive Committee from Nancy Cronin explaining that it was a one-time courtesy and required being cashed before the check was void after 90 days. Monique S. asked if there was a policy on replacing outdated checks. No policy other than the Executive Committee choosing to pay when brought up by the Executive Director. Creation of a policy has been added to the parking lot on the Agenda. Nancy explained that the Council	



		is waiting for a Memorandum of Understanding from the Department of Accounting and Financial Services for FY 24 allotment from	
Membership Committee		Membership Committee Chair Jon McGovern reported that the committee met and interviewed Todd Marlowe for the seat vacated by Jean Y. as a parent of an adult with DD. Discussion was had before vote:  1 seat is vacant for the Department of Labor which the Commissioner needs to appoint.	Maryann P. made motion to accept, Maggie H.. 2 <sup>nd</sup> . No discussion, Todd accepted as a Council Member with 16 yay votes and 4 abstain.
By-Laws report		Toni W. gave the timeline of work done on the By-Laws and revisions sent out to committee that she did not get a response for. By-Laws are currently on hold. Discussion:	
Meeting formats	Pro – Con sheet on formats	Nancy gave a Pro-Con talk about what types of meeting formats are available: In person, on ZOOM or Hybrid of both.	
Committee Structure Review	Pro-Con sheet on committees currently used		
Pro-Con of 3-5 year olds going to school	Pro-Con sheet	Breakout rooms were used to discuss 3-5 year olds being moved to schools to receive services.	
Break			
Social Security Reform		Kile Pelletier presented his Reform proposal on the marriage tax currently in use for people receiving benefits through Social Security.	



Public Comments		Crystal Burke attended the meeting. She commented	
Adjourn			Abbott called for adjournment, Tracey W. made motion to accept, Jon McGovern. 2 <sup>nd</sup> . all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Attendance: Abbott Philson, Kile Pelletier, Tracey Webb, Maryann Preble, Maggie Hoffman, Craig Patterson, Leigh Lardieri, Andrea Dole, Cheryl Stallonis-Francis, Cheryl Hathaway, Jon McGovern, Maria LaBerara-Lamb, Monique Stairs, Nicole Achey, Staci Converse, Maria Cameron, Alan Cobo-Lewis and Sue Russell, Stacey LaFlamme (for Mary Ann Harakall) Candace Johnson, Stacy Smart

Members absent: Mariah Murdock, Stacy Atter, Courtney Schadtler, Roberta Lucas, Anita Trevian

Staff: Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Brenda Charneski, Toni Wall

Quorum present? Yes

Next meeting date and time:

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024