



Minutes

July 2019 Public Policy and Advocacy & Interagency Committee

📅 Tue July 16th, 2019

🕒 11:00am - 12:00pm EDT

📍 Teleconference

👥 In Attendance

Michael Daniels, Thom Delilla, Liz Loht, Janean Perry Breen, Jennifer Perry-Breen, Kathy Powell

I. Objective

- a. **Discuss and approve 2020 State Legislative Initiatives**
- b. **Discuss and approve FFAST National Legislative Initiatives**

II. Tasks to Complete Prior to Meeting

a. Review Agenda

1. **Please provide the Committee Liason any modifications 24 hours before the meeting.**
2. **Attachments: Meeting Agenda**

b. Review Minutes to Previous Meeting

1. **Please provide the Committee Liason any modifications 24 hours before the meeting.**
2. **Attachments: Minutes to Previous Meeting**

c. Review Task Report

1. **Please provide the Committee Liason any modifications 24 hours before the meeting.**
2. **Attachments: Task Report**

d. Review these documents

1. **Mark-up of proposed changes to 413.407.**
2. **Proposed 2020 State Legislative Initiatives**

III. **Meeting Begins**

IV. **Opening**

Mr. Paul Tobin welcomed all committee members to the meeting.

- a. **Call to Order**
Mr. Tobin called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.
- b. **Roll Call**
Mr. Michael Daniels conducted the roll call.
- c. **Establishment of Quorum**
A quorum was present.
- d. **Verbal Authorization to Begin Recording**
No member presented an issue with recording the meeting.

V. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. **Attachments**
- b. **Options**
 1. **Approve minutes as is.**
 2. **Approve minutes with amendments.**
 3. **Do not approve minutes**
 4. **Table the decision.**
- c. **Staff Recommended Action**
 1. **Approve minutes.**
A consensus approved the minutes.

VI. **Agenda Modifications**

- a. **Request for Modifications**
Addition to the agenda will be heard at XX:XX.
- b. **Approval of the Agenda**
- c. **Options**
 1. **Approve agenda, as is.**
 2. **Approval of the Agenda, with amendments.**
 3. **Do not approve the agenda.**

4. **Table the decision.**

d. **Staff Recommended Action**

1. **Approve the agenda.**

A consensus approved the agenda.

e. **Public Comment on any Agenda Item**

No one presented public comments.

VII. **Discuss and approve 2020 State Legislative Initiatives**

With assistance from Michael Daniels

a. **Category: Standing Item and Old Business**

b. **Statement/Purpose**

1. **This agenda item focuses on the proposed 2020 State Legislative Initiatives. It is crucial we establish major legislative priorities early to secure sponsors and support. Members are to review, ask questions, and approve the proposed 2020 State Legislative Initiatives**

c. **Attachments**

1. **Listed of Proposed Legislative Initiatives**
2. **Proposed language for Disabled Parking Permit Task Force**
3. **Proposed language for Voter Registration**
4. **Mark-up of proposed changes to 413.407.**

d. **Options**

1. **Approve 2020 State Legislative Initiatives, as is**
2. **Approve 2020 State Legislative Initiatives, as amended**
3. **Do not approve**
4. **Table the decision**

e. **Staff Recommended Action**

1. **Approve 2020 State Legislative Initiatives**

Decision: Mr. Thom Delilla made the motion to approve the listed priorities as amended.

Decision: Ms. Kathy Powell seconded the motion.

Decision: The motion passed without dissent.

VIII. **Discuss and approve FFAST National Legislative Initiatives**

With assistance from Michael Daniels.

a. **Category: Standing Item and New Business**

b. **Statement/Purpose**

1. **S. 1835 is the reauthorization bill to the Assistive Technology Act of 2004. FAAST should take a leadership role in advocating for this bill because of the size of the Florida Congressional delegation.**
2. **In the past, FAAST advocated for the passage of the Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act. H.R. 2408 is vital to Floridians with complex disabilities. FAAST should take a leadership role in advocating for this bill because of the size of the Florida Congressional delegation.**

c. **Attachments**

1. **S. 1835: 21st Century Assistive Technology Act**
2. **H.R. 2408: Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act of 2019**

d. **Options**

1. **Request Florida's two Senators co-sponsor S. 1835.**
2. **Approach Senator Scott to ascertain his interest in filing the Senate companion bill to H.R. 2408.**
3. **Approach one of the following to ascertain interest in filing the House Companion to S. 1835.**
 1. Rep. Hastings
 2. Rep. Lawson
 3. Rep. Crist
 4. Rep. Shalala
 5. Rep. Castor
4. **Recruit members of Florida's Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor H.R. 2408.**

e. **Staff Recommended Actions**

1. **Combine the Options listed in VIId into one motion for approval.**

Decision: Mr. Delilla made the motion to approve the recommended actions.

Decision: Ms. Liz Loht seconded the motion.

Decision: The motion passed without dissent.

IX. **Items from March 2019 Meeting**

a. **Category: Standing Item and Consent Agenda**

b. **Statement/Purpose**

1. **Because of the importance of establishing 2020 State Legislative Initiatives and anticipated discussions concerning the priorities, the following items are a priority for the August 2019 meeting.**

1. MOUs with DVR
2. Issues surrounding Communication Devices
3. Blue Sky Disaster Planning

c. **Attachments**

1. **Minutes to Previous Meeting**

d. **Options**

1. **Schedule a follow-up meeting with specific members to discuss the items listed in VIII c.**

Task: Schedule a follow-up meeting with specific members to discuss the items listed in VIII c. 👤 Michael Daniels 08/06/2019

2. **Schedule a follow-up committee meeting to discuss the items listed in VIII c.**

3. **Include items listed in VIII c as a priority for the August meeting**

e. **Staff Recommended Actions**

1. **Schedule a follow-up meeting with specific members to discuss the items listed in VIII c.**

Task: Items listed in Agenda Item IX will be priorities for the August 20 Committee meeting. 👤 Michael Daniels 08/06/2019

X. **Agenda Modifications**

None

XI. **Closing**

Task: Review state funding options for hearing aids. Two agencies to specifically to investigate are the Division of Vocation Rehabilitation and the Department of Health's Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. 👤 Michael Daniels 08/06/2019

Task: Follow-up with Ms. Powell on donation responses. 👤 Michael Daniels 07/23/2019

a. **Last Call for Public Comment**

b. **Next Meeting**

1. **Date and Time**

August 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM

2. **GoToMeeting Information**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/529546557>

3. **Toll-free number and Access Code**

(Toll Free): 1 877 309 2073

Access Code: 529-546-557

c. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Decision: No member objected to adjournment.