

# April 2021 Public Policy and Advocacy Committee Meeting

## Minutes

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

2:00 – 3:00PM EDT



### 1. Opening

Ms. Eddie Hall opened the meeting. No member presented an issue with being recorded. The meeting was called to order at 2:13 PM.

Members Present: Mr. Enrique Escallon, Ms. Katy Howell, Ms. Renee Proctor, Mr. TJ Moon, Mr. Eddie Hall

Staff Present: Ms. Whitney Doyle

Members of the Public: None

### 2. Approval of Agenda

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the agenda. Ms. Renee Proctor made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The agenda was approved without any objection.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the minutes. The March 2021 public policy and advocacy committee meeting minutes were not approved due to committee members not being present at the meeting.

### 4. National AT Virtual Advocacy Week Update | Whitney Doyle

Ms. Whitney Doyle explained she met with congressional representatives to discuss FAAST during National AT Virtual Advocacy Week. After the annual report is finalized, she will directly email it to the congressional staff.

### 5. Discuss 2022 Legislative Priority Ideas

Ms. Doyle mentioned an update to the Florida Statute. The NHLP program could be separated into another Entity using the statute update. Eric has been working with Pennington law firm to discuss the next steps. Definitions were added to the statute. No member is opposed to not adding the definitions. The committee discusses making representatives (plural) to a representative (singular). Ms.

Doyle goes through the rest of the updates, and the committee agrees to all updates. It is suggested that the length of time between terms be added.

Mr. Enrique Escallon made the motion to accept all changes to the statute. Ms. Katy Howell seconded the motion. The motion carries.

#### 6. Action Items

Ms. Doyle gave an update on the strategic plan. The committee is currently making progress on all tasks.

#### 7. Closing

Next Meeting- May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 PM. No public comment was made.

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