



# July 2022 Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

## Minutes

July 11, 2022

3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

### 1. Opening

Ms. Betsy Burgos opened the meeting. No member presented an issue with being recorded. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm.

Members Present: Dr. Betsy Burgos, Mr. Brian Nerland

Staff Present: Ms. Whitney Doyle

Members of the Public: Ms. Kristi Warren

### 2. Approval of Agenda

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented by acclamation without any objection.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the minutes. The May 2022 Public Policy and Advocacy Meeting Minutes were approved as presented by acclamation without any objection.

### 4. Discuss Potential 2023 Legislative Priorities | Whitney Doyle

Ms. Doyle presented the funding highlights for the potential legislative priorities and went over the monthly actions for the committee. In June, the ATAC approved the FY2023 priorities, and they were sent to VR for further approval. For July, she presented the drafted talking points and continues to work with Representative Salzman to make FY23 request for recurring funding. In August, she will start meeting with legislators.

### 5. Discuss Strategic Plan 2020 Year 3 Objectives Ideas | Whitney Doyle

Ms. Doyle recapped the ideas from last year and opened the floor to discuss. No member had anything to add.



## 6. Action Items

The Committee is on track with the 2020 strategic plan year 2.

## 7. Closing

Next Meeting- August 8th, 2022, at 3:00 pm. No other public comment. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.



## FAAST 2023 Legislative Priorities Strategy Ideas

### State – \$305,585 General Revenue funding request

- Continues FY22 state funding request from \$444,415 to \$750,000
- This funding will be used to expand/increase funding for the assistive technology programs.

### Federal – Assistive Technology Act Reauthorization

- Updates the AT Act.
- Senate:
  - The Senate introduced a reauthorization bill and it was passed out of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee in August of 2021 – S. 2401, *The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Assistive Technology Act*.
- House:
  - No companion bill in House

### Federal – Fully Fund State AT Act Programs

- Requesting the AT Act be funded at \$60 million
- Has been included in House FY2023 Labor, Health, and Human Services Appropriations Bill at \$44 million (same amount in President's budget)

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## Monthly Actions

### June 2022

- FY2023 Legislative Priorities sent to VR and ATAC - COMPLETED

### July 2022

- Draft Meeting Talking Points – COMPLETED



## August 2022

- Continue working with Rep. Salzman to make FY23 request recurring dollars
- Florida Primaries August 23, 2022

## September 2022

- Schedule first set of meetings with Legislators for FY23 Priorities

## October 2022

- Work on follow ups from September meetings

## November 2022

## December 2022

## January 2023

## February 2023

## March 2023

- Regular session begins March 7, 2023.

## April 2023

## May 2023

- Last day of regular session May 5, 2023.

## June 2023

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Meetings Held:



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## Strategic Plan 2020 – Goal Tracking Year 2

Strategic Issue 2, Objective 6 - By September 30, 2021, September 30, 2022, and September 30, 2023, create annual legislative priorities to implement within the strategic plan.

Strategy 6-1: Legislative priorities drafted and approved by PPAC

- Due: By June 2022, FY 2023 Legislative Priorities will be approved by ATAC.
- Staff Assigned: Whitney Doyle

Actions:

- COMPLETED Determine appropriate legislative priorities for FY23.
  - 3/21/2022 Draft priorities for next session
  - 4/11/2022 Continued review of draft priorities by PPAC
- COMPLETED Send priorities to be reviewed by VR/DOE.
- IN PROGRESS Create plan to bring awareness to priorities.
  - 8/02/2022 Begin scheduling meetings with Legislators running unopposed

Strategic Issue 2, Objective 9 - By September 30, 2022, FFAST will research and establish an updated service delivery model for Regional Reuse Centers.

Strategy: Report findings from service delivery model research to FL legislators to develop or support legislative priorities.

- Due: 9/30/2022
- Staff Assigned: Whitney Doyle & Hannah Brock

Actions:

- IN PROGRESS Service Delivery Committee results to be presented to PPAC.
  - 4/11/2022 Service Delivery Committee still drafting Reuse program evaluation and proposed new model
- NOT STARTED Incorporate results into monthly legislator messaging.