



# August 2022 Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

## Minutes

August 8, 2022

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

### 1. Opening

Mr. Enrique Escallon opened the meeting. No member presented an issue with being recorded. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm.

Members Present: Mr. Enrique Escallon, Mr. Brian Nerland , Ms. Betsy Burgos

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 July 2022 Public Policy and Advocacy Meeting Minutes were approved as presented by acclamation without any objection.

### 4. Update on Strategies for 2023 Legislative Priorities | Whitney Doyle

Mr. Escallon opened the discussion. Ms. Doyle stated that she has been working with Rep. Salzman. She met with the Director of VR to ask if the funds could be recurring and asked Ms. Doyle to follow up with him. Ms. Doyle discussed the Federal funding. Mr. Escallon recommended that Ms. Doyle meet with all the candidates.

### 5. Action Items

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



## 6. Closing

Next Meeting- September 12th, 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
  - Dollars will be to be requested through appropriations. If Salzman is reelected, she will run this bill for us in the House.
- Florida Primaries August 23, 2022

## September 2022

- Create list of legislators who ran unopposed – COMPLETED
- Schedule first set of meetings with Legislators for FY23 Priorities – IN PROGRESS

## 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:

## Meetings to Schedule (56):

### House (42)

- T. Patterson Maney
- Shane Abbott
- Phillip Griffitts
- Jason Shoaf
- Allison Tant
- Chuck Brannan
- Wyman Duggan
- Cyndi Stevenson
- Bobby Payne
- Ralph Massullo Jr
- Joe Harding
- Stan McClain
- Tyler Sirois
- Thad Altman
- Jennifer Harris
- Sam Killebrew
- Melony Bell
- Jennifer Canady
- Josie Tomkow
- Brad Yeager
- Adam Anderson
- Dianne Hart
- Will Robinson



- James Buchanan
- Michael Grant
- Spencer Roach
- Mike Giallombardo
- Bob Rommel
- Lauren Melo
- Kaylee Tuck
- Christine Hunschofsky
- Lisa Dunkley
- Patricia Hawkins-Williams
- Daryl Campbell
- Michael Gottlieb
- Felicia Simone Robinson
- Dotie Joseph
- Ashley Gantt
- Tom Fabricio
- Alex Rizo
- Daniel Anthony Perez
- Kevin Chambliss

#### Senate (14)

- Jennifer Bradley
- Geraldine Thompson
- Debbie Mayfield
- Jim Boyd
- Joe Gruters
- Kathleen Passidomo
- Erin Grall
- Gayle Harrell
- Rosalind Osgood
- Shevrin Jones



- Lauren Book
- Jason Pizzo
- Bryan Avila
- Ana Maria Rodriguez



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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:

- COMPLETED Service Delivery Committee results to be presented to PPAC.
  - 4/11/2022 Service Delivery Committee still drafting Reuse program evaluation and proposed new model
- IN PROGRESS Incorporate results into monthly legislator messaging.