



May 2023 Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

Minutes

May 15, 2023

2:00-3:00p.m. ET

1. Opening

In the absence of the chair, Ms. Sarah Goldman opened the meeting. No member presented an issue with being recorded. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm ET.

Members Present: Ms. Sarah Goldman, Mr. Eddie Hall, Ms. Angel Perez

Staff Present: Mr. Eric Reed; Marquesas Blimes; Anna Ingram (Intern)

Members of the Public: None

2. Approval of Agenda

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the agenda. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. Perez seconded and the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

No members of the public commented. No modifications were made to the minutes. The February 2023 Public Policy and Advocacy Meeting Minutes were approved as presented by acclamation without any objection.

4. Legislative Priorities 2022-2023 updates

Mr. Reed updated the committee on the single legislative priority of the non-recurring funding. The funding was approved by both the House and Senate and is in the Governor's budget waiting on his signature. It is not expected to be a part of his line-item vetos.

5. Legislature of the Year Award

The committee discussed the potential recipients for the award and based on the direct assistance of Representative Salzman and Senators Collins and Pizzo, they



narrowed the discussion to these three. Senator Collins was a new champion for FAAST this year in his support of the funding while both Representative Salzman and Senator Pizzo received the award last year. The committee voted to award Senator Collins with the FAAST Legislature of the Year Award. Mr. Reed will present this to the Executive Committee for next steps.

6. Action Items – FY2020 Year 3 Strategic Plan

The committee reviewed the outstanding action item from the strategic plan which is to develop legislative priorities for the next year. Ms. Goldman suggested exploring the issue of seat elevation on powerchairs being considered DME. The committee also discussed the ongoing need for the \$305,000 funding and how to approach this in the upcoming session. Mr. Reed will approach legislators regarding the funding and whether to keep the request as non-recurring or if we should consider a push for permanent, recurring funding. Mr. Reed will report back prior by September with the feedback on this.

7. Closing

There was no public comment.

Due to the next meeting date scheduled on a holiday, the meeting was rescheduled for Monday, June 12th, 1:00 PM