

DCARA Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022

I. Call to order

Jerry Grigsby called to order the regular meeting of the DCARA at 6:05 pm PST on September 28, 2022, via Zoom and FB Livestream.

II. Roll call

Jerry Grigsby conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Roz Ramos-Barry, Kal Baoerjiin, and interim Executive Director Amy Gomme.

III. Motion to accept the meeting agenda

Jerry Grigsby moved that the meeting agenda be accepted. Mr. Baoerjiin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Jerry Grigsby shared that the board approved the March meeting minutes via email.

Jerry Grigsby moved that the board accept the June and August Special meeting minutes as read. Ms. Ramos-Barry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. Board's Report

Lead Jerry Grigsby: I meet with interim Executive Director Amy Gomme every two weeks to discuss DCARA's health. We both share concerns and issues. I am learning more about DCARA - DSS, Salary breakdown, new hires, etc. I want to share that Amy and I are very transparent. I am satisfied with Amy's work. I want to share that we need to create a new committee to start fundraising. Unfortunately, I have no skills in that area. But I will be delighted to help. I welcome anyone from the Deaf community to join the committee or the Board.

Board Member Rosalyn Ramos-Barry: No report

Board Member Kalexin Baoerjiin: No report

VI. Committee Report

Bylaw Committee Jerry Grigsby: The committee completed a rough draft of the bylaws. The next thing to do is have the Board review the bylaws to ensure we all understand. The committee will work on Guidelines and Policies soon.

Board Recruitment Committee Rosalyn Ramos- Barry: The committee consists of Rosalyn Ramos-Barry, Michelle Camara, Sabina Infante, and Jerry Grigsby. The committee is still seeking new applicants to join the DCARA Board. The committee did receive a few applicants. The committee will start interviewing the applicants after we complete the Bias training given by Tiffany Ruffa.

Search for new Executive Director Committee Kalexin Baoerjiin: The committee plans to recruit more volunteers; three from the DCARA Staff and two from the Deaf community. The committee will screen organizations that specialize in hiring a specific person for the job or do the search ourselves. Then we will make a recommendation to the board to hire an Executive Director.

Fundraising Committee: Open

Future of DCC: Open

VII. Interim Executive Director

Interim Executive Director Amy Gomme:

See attached powerpoint for interim Executive Director report or click [here](#)

VIII. Unfinished Business

No old Business.

IX. New business

Motions carried via email

- Board moves to accept DCARA Temporary Lead Jerry Grigsby to sign the DSS authorization form.
- Board moves to hire The Kline Simon Law Firm to review Interim Executive Board's temporary contract to ensure the contract is legitimate. The Kline Simon Law Firm charge rate is \$500.00 per hour. The money will come from the General Fund.
- Board proposes to approve the March 2022 meeting minutes.

New business

- a) MO0928-01 The Board proposes to pay the invoice submitted by Mark Apodaca for his parliamentary services - \$1,130.00.
- b) MO0928-02 The Board proposes to hire a lawyer to review the revised DCARA Board bylaws.

Board agrees to withdraw the above new motions until further notice. The Board and interim Executive Director need to determine whether the Board can use General Funds to pay for services provided.

- c) MO0928-03 The Board proposes that Antoine Hunter reapplies for the Board position. Carried

New Business closed

II. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session. Motion made to close Executive Session.

III. Announcement

The next Board meeting will be on January 18, 2023 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Amy answered some of the community's questions asked during the meeting. Kal answered a question regarding the Search for a new Executive Director.

IV. Adjournment

Jerry Grigsby adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm PST

Minutes submitted by: Jerry Grigsby