



CT State Independent  
Living Council

## CT State Independent Living Council Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 19 ,2023 - 1:00PM (via Zoom)

**Board Members In Attendance:** Jaclyn Pinney, David Morgana, Gary Allen, Gretchen Knauff, Melissa Taylor, Rich Luby, Kate Smolinsky, Josiane Alix, Jonathan Sigworth, Darryl Ruopp, Mark Linabury, Emily Zambrello

**Staff:** Molly Cole, SILC Exec Director

**Absent Board Members:** Kim Smith, George Michna, Carmen Correa-Rios, Farrah Garland, Barbara Lombardi, Michelle Johnson

**Guests:** Todd Johnston - Past President, Eileen Healy - Executive Director Independence Northwest (IN), Scott Robbins - Program Manager IN, Sharon Heddle - Chairperson CACIL, Charlie Conway - Executive Director Advocacy Independence, Sarah Spear – visitor from the public, Varian Salters - visitor from the public

Action	Agenda Item
Quorum established	<b><u>Call to Order at 1 PM</u></b> Quorum established.
Action Items	<b><u>Revise Agenda:</u></b> David Morgana moved to revise the agenda to address the need for by-law revisions prior to the election of a Secretary. Rich Luby Seconded. Discussion of this issue related to the role of the Membership Committee in approving candidates for office prior to a vote by the Board. The discussion also included the ability to accept nominations from the floor and the impact of waiting on a new Secretary.  Four voted for the agenda revision and six opposed the motion. Six opposed the motion. The motion failed. The agenda was not changed.  <b><u>Approval of the May 2023 Minutes</u></b>  Jaclyn Pinney moved to approve the minutes and Rich Luby seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

<p><b>Audit Report</b></p>	<p><b><u>Election of New Secretary:</u></b>          Jaclyn Pinney was the only candidate for Secretary and therefore, was elected by acclimation of the Board.</p> <p><b><u>First Reading: Proposed Bylaws Changes</u></b></p> <p>Gretchen Knauff reviewed the proposed bylaws change. However, in light of concerns regarding following the protocol for electing officers, the bylaws committee will reconvene prior to the next board meeting and review the bylaws, making suggested changes as needed including the proposals currently under review.</p> <p><b><u>Chris King from King and King presented the results of the SILC Audit.</u></b>          Following the presentation there were questions regarding funds that were deferred (DRCT) versus restricted. Chris King stated he would provide clarification on this.</p> <p>Further discussion centered around the amount of SILC funding in the bank and concerns about FDIC protections. Bank funds are only ensured for up to \$250,000. Chris King suggested moving those funds to another insured account at another bank. Mark Linabury moved to accept the audit and Melissa Taylor seconded. The motion passed.</p>
<p><b>Finance Committee</b></p>	<p><b><u>Rich Luby Reviewed the Finance Report.</u></b>          Melissa Taylor moved to accept the report and Jaclyn Pinney Seconded. The Motion passed.</p>

<p><b>Reports</b></p>	<p><b><u>E.D. Report:</u></b> Molly Cole reported on SILC activities and updates, collaborations and events. There are MANY events between September and November. Watch for information and try to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ October 4, 2023 Jim Conroy discussion on closing Southbury training school @ LOB – 10:00 AM</li> <li>➤ November 9, 2023 Supported decision making summit.</li> <li>➤ Staff training September 20<sup>th</sup> for CILS</li> <li>➤ Annual Meeting September 27, 2023 with the keynote being the Secretary of State speaking on voter access.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Emergency Prep:</u></b> Rich Luby discussed Emergency Preparedness progress with Red Cross trainings and CILS staff becoming READI.</p> <p><b><u>Data Tech:</u></b> Eileen Healy discussed the data tracking and consistency issues with CILS data. Specifically, the committee has been focused on how to assign community activities so there is consistency in reporting.</p> <p><b><u>SPIL:</u></b> Melissa gave an update and review of the tech conference in Rocky Hill as part of the public comment for the SPIL. Currently, the SPIL Committee is focused on public input and is looking at other areas to complete until that input is completed.</p> <p><b><u>Wheelchair Repair</u></b> Jonathan Sigworth gave an update on the wheelchair legislation progress and continuing work through this group in hopes of finding some funding to sustain the efforts under the CT Wheelchair reform commission. They have a Facebook page on wheelchair reform.</p> <p><b><u>The board was reminded about the Annual Meeting on September 27 at Keeney Hall, 200 Main Street, Wethersfield.</u></b></p>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>David Morgana moved to adjourn, and Gary Allen seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3 pm</p>