

LAURENS COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 13, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board was held in the Training Room at the Evergreen Campus on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 5:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Littlefield, Bud Marchant, Joyce Rambo, Courtney Snow, Brenda Ligon, and Nicole Firmin

STAFF PRESENT

Jason Tavenner, Michelle Stone, Tara Glenn, Courtney Gunter, Keely Simmons, Kayla Haymes, Katina Cunningham, and Lee Anders

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman at 5:30pm.

AMENDMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board Chairman presented an amendment to the agenda to present the October Meeting Minutes and Decision Memorandums as first items of business. Nicole Firmin motioned to approve the amended agenda. Bud Marchant seconded the motion. The vote to amend the agenda was approved with a 6-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 9, 2023 BOARD MINUTES

Nicole Firmin motioned to approve the October 9, 2023 minutes. Bud Marchant seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DECISION

Decision Memorandum 10-24 Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Quarter Financial Statements

The Executive Director reviewed Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Quarter Financial Statements. Courtney Snow motioned to approve the Decision Memorandum. Joyce Rambo seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Decision Memorandum 11-24 Capital Project and Bonus Plan for Calendar Year 2024

The Executive Director presented the proposed spending for the annual capital projects and employee bonuses. Brenda Ligon motioned to approve the Decision Memorandum. Bud Marchant seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Decision Memorandum 12-24 New Service Development of Speech Therapy

The Executive Director presented a plan to provide Speech Therapy as a new service under the Building Dreams program. This service would be available to all served by the LCDSNB Early Intervention services. Bud Marchant motioned to approve the Decision Memorandum. Brenda Ligon seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

INVOCATION

Board Member Joyce Rambo gave the invocation.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone was welcomed to the November Board of Directors meeting of the Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

NOTICE OF MEETING STATEMENT

The notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors was posted at each location and on the agency website. The notice of the meeting was also sent to the Laurens Advertiser, Clinton Chronicle and WLBG for announcement. A copy of this notice was included in the BOD Member packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

Best Disguised Turkey Vote – Online Voting: LCDSNB Facebook – November 13-17
Residential Decoration Judging – All Residential Houses @ 1pm – Thursday, December 14
LCDSNB Christmas Lunch – EGS Day Activities @ 11:30am – Friday, December 22

BOARD OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Joyce Rambo motioned that the Board Officer Nominations be presented and approved as currently posted.

Charman: Peter Littlefield Vice Chair: Bud Marchant

Treasurer: Brenda Ligon Secretary: Nicole Firmin.

Nicole Firmin seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reviewed the monthly report with the Board of Directors.

THANK YOU NOTE RECOGNITION

Nine (9) Thank You Note Card names were drawn for the recognition program for the month of October 2023.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board Chair suggested that thank you letters be mailed to all businesses and organizations that employ LCDSNB supported individuals. He also suggested a thank you letter be mailed to Laurens County Council for generosity. All BOD Members agreed. LCDSNB Staff will have letters mailed before Thanksgiving holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Bud Marchant motioned to adjourn the November 13, 2023 Board Meeting of the Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. Brenda Ligon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned.