

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CITIZENS (GACEC)
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(Held at the GACEC Fall Planning Retreat)
Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM
Dover Downs Hotel and Conference Center
Dover, DE

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Campbell, Nancy Cordrey, Cathy Cowin, Bill Doolittle, Karen Eller, Ann Fisher, Terri Hancharick, Tika Hartsock, Danna Levy, Mary Ann Mieczkowski, Robert Overmiller, Jennifer Pulcinella

OTHERS PRESENT: Guests: Dale Matusевич/Delaware Department of Education
Staff present: Wendy Strauss/Executive Director; Kathie Cherry/Office Manager; Sybil Baker/Administrative Coordinator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emmanuel Jenkins, Thomas Keeton, Carrie Melchisky, Bill O'Neill, Brenné Shepperson, Howard Shiber, Deanna Tyree and Laura Waterland

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Ann Fisher, GACEC Chairperson. Wendy introduced the Ice breaker and everyone shared one items from the list. Wendy shared after the ice breaker that the agenda would be edited slightly to allow for the DOE report prior to the rest of the retreat business. Ann announced a change to the June meeting minutes. Nancy Cordrey should be listed as absent. Ann asked for a **motion** to approve the June meeting minutes as amended. A **motion was made and approved**. Ann asked for a **motion** to adopt the agenda with flexibility. **The motion was approved**. Tributes for Carma Carpenter, Lisa Gonzon, Karen McGloughlin and Chris McIntyre were announced. New member Sue Campbell was introduced. Ann announced that Bill Doolittle will be representing GACEC on the school funding transparency committee. A **motion** was made to accept the June, July, August and September financial reports. **The motion was approved**. Ann pointed out the meeting dates for the 2018-2019 session. She asked for a **motion** to accept the dates. **The motion was approved**. Wendy shared that October is Disability Awareness month and that the musical Boundless will be presented next Friday and Saturday at Dover High. She asked each member to take some flyers to share. There has been an article in the State News and there will be a full page story on Friday as well. WBOC and several radio stations have also done interviews. Terri inquired if any of the cast might be good candidates for either Partners in Policymaking or Junior Partners since we as a state are lacking self-advocates. Wendy said she would share the information with the cast after the performance. Wendy pointed out the annual report and thanked Sybil for preparing the report. The potential speakers list was shared. A **motion** was made to approve the meeting list for the upcoming year. **The motion was approved**. Ann shared the contents of the folders with members and ask them to view those documents on their own. GACEC will have its budget hearing at Legislative Hall on November 7th from 3-3:30. If anyone would like to join us please let staff know. Wendy shared that this year funding was approved for DTI to move GACEC from the K-12 server to the state network after many years of making the request. Ann reminded members to leave their retreat evaluations with staff prior to leaving. The meeting was turned

over to Mary Ann Mieczkowski to deliver her report. Her presentations are attached for your review.

Public comment: There were no public comments.

A **motion was made** to adjourn the general membership meeting. The **motion was approved**.