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## KCDD Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2022

9:00AM-12:00PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85705422962?pwd=Wmk2MC9Rb3hBQzdOa3RsTlVtcGg1UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 0542 2962 - Passcode: 5233

**Members Present:** Alters, Hanson, Keck, Chaffin, Story, Zajic, Seymour-Hunter, Heiman, Meitner, Fessler, Schwindt, Seitz, Burgess, Padding

**Members Absent:** (Bigler, Excused), (Martinez, Excused), (Swindler, Excused) (Morgan, Excused) (Darnell, Unexcused), (Fairchild, Unexcused), (Decker, Excused)

**Staff Present:** Gieber, Long, Knutson, Schroeder, Cobbs, Kamai LEND (Intern)

**Guests:** Susan Weidenback – Kansas Dept. of Commerce, Jamea Kline – Aetna, Lynn Snodgrass – Rainbows United, Angeline Anderson

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KCDD Executive & Grants Committee met from 9:00-10:00.

**Executive Committee**

Keck, Kathy - Chair  
Story, Bill Vice Chair  
Martinez, Richard - TR  
Alters, Joshua  
Fessler, Shirley  
Gieber - Staff Support

**Grants Committee**

Keck, Kathy Chair  
Story, Bill  
Martinez, Richard  
Alters, Josh  
Fessler, Shirley,  
Knutson - Staff Support

**Full Council & Public** joined on the call at 10:00

Review Minutes (March 11, 2022) **Vote:** Fessler made a motion to accept minutes with no adjustments. Second Alters. Motion Pass

**RFP Updates & Announcements:**

KCDD is waiting for the RFP to get posted. It was supposed to be posted this week but was not.



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### **Kansas State Legislative Update:**

- The ABLE Bill passed and signed into law
- New Tax Credit for employers targeted to hiring individuals who would be eligible for the I/DD Waiver – it is a 50% wage credit for employers – 5- Year Pilot Program
- I/DD Waiver rates were increased
- KCDD staff is continuing to watch:
  - Supported Decision-Making Bill – still working with the Bankers Association to address their concerns and issues and try and get it through
  - The Voting Bills that would restrict/limit access to individuals voting rights have not passed yet
  - Assistance Animal Bill which will negatively impact individuals with disabilities still have not passed

### **Disability Policy Seminar Update:**

- Held the last week of March both in-person and virtually
- KCDD staff and council members attended virtually
- A lot of technical difficulties this year
- Virtual Hill visits were held virtual this year and were very positive; individual stories were powerful and felt like we were heard

**Break**



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## Council Brainstorming on attributes/background for the next KCDD Executive Director

Was able to put through a request to fill the position with DCF and final approval was given this week.

- Need to write a Position Description (PD) and get it posted
- Executive Committee will be the Search Committee
  - Will meet every Tuesday
  - Will work on the PD at next meeting

**Question:** What are the skills, training, education that are essential for an Executive Director? Group brainstormed and provided input for qualifications.

Wrap-up