



Q1 2024 MEETING MINUTES March 22, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Karey Padding, Chair
Josh Alters, Vice Chair
Shirley Fessler, Secretary
Kacy Seitz, Governance Chair
Roxanne Zillinger for Dean Zajic, Treasurer
Mike Burgess (on behalf of Rocky Nichols)
Stacy Crow
Austin Hanson
Michele Heydon
Sarah Meitner
Colin Olenick - virtual
Skyler Schwindt
Fran Seymour-Hunter
Karrie Shogren
Bill Story - virtual

KCDD Staff:

Sara Hart Weir, Executive Director
Callie Simmons
Allyson McCain
Lola Kernell
Kathy Keck

REGRETS

Dan Decker

K. Padding called meeting to order at 9:00 am and kicked off icebreaker. Representative Will Carpenter, State Treasurer Steven Johnson and Deputy Treasurer Tom Treacy and Governor Kelly all provided guest remarks in person.

S. Fessler presented KCDD Q4 2023 meeting minutes for approval. S. Meitner made a motion to approve minutes, A. Hanson seconded and the full council all approved.

KCDD staff provided an Executive Director's report on staffing update, strategic plan progress and programming along w/ state and federal advocacy efforts.

KCDD grantees, SACK and Special Olympics, provided an update on grantee activity for Council.

KCDD Executive Committee, Chair K. Padding, provided an overview of the Down Syndrome Innovations grant submitted. K. Padding made recommendation from Executive Committee to fund project, S. Meitner seconded and all approved.

KCDD Governance Chairwoman K. Seitz provided an update on the Governance Committee Report. K. Seitz provided an update on KCDD expiring terms which include: Bill Story, Sarah Meitner (October 2024) and Kacy Seitz (Nov 2024).

K. Seitz provided an update on the Nominations and new KCDD membership process. KCDD received 27 applications and the Governance Committee interviewed 8 individuals since mid-January 2024. KCDD Governance Committee, with support of full Council, proposed the nominations to be submitted to the full Council.

- Carmen Thomas, Johnson County (self advocate)
- Sarah Mai, Johnson County (Nonprofit)

- Sookyung Shin, Douglas (Parent/Academic)
- Anita Breen, Clay County (Parent/Educator)
- Ann-Kathleen Saint-Juste, Wyandotte County (Institution/DSP)

S. Weir provided the Treasurer's Report (in D. Zajic's absence) and presented the new KCDD Budget Framework.

K. Padding adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm.