

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.**

**Executive Committee Report**

**01/27/22**

The meeting was convened at 12:30 p.m. by Chair Johnson and quorum was established.

The committee adopted the minutes from our 2021 Executive Committee meetings held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The committee then reviewed a total of 13 applications sent through our Council portal for consideration to apply to be on our Council. The Council currently has 3 seats open for persons with Developmental Disabilities. The Council also needs to ensure it has candidates for the future for parents, family members or guardians with children under the age of 18 with a developmental disability.

After discussing and rating each application, two applicants with a developmental disability were recommended to move forward for an interview by the committee and five family members with a child with a developmental disability were recommended to move forward to interview by the committee.

It was decided that the committee would prioritize interviewing the applicants for the open seats for a person with a developmental disability in the next month, and plan to interview parents of children with developmental disabilities later in the year, since no seats are vacant on the Council in this category.

Furthermore, the committee members discussed the need for more diversity geographically and what other groups we could engage to promote the council application process. The committee cautioned, however, that we must make clear that just because a person applies does not mean they would necessarily move forward for consideration and even if they are moved forward to the Governor's office for consideration it may be a long delay before being considered.

We adjourned our meeting at 1:48 p.m.