

MINUTES

**The Arc of Texas Board of Directors
April 15, 2005
The Arc of Texas State Office
Austin, Texas**

Call to Order:

The April 15, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors of The Arc of Texas was called to order by President Ron Brown at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005. A quorum of the Board was present.

Members Present:

Ron Brown
Laura Butler
Pat Munoz
Beth Turner
Richard Garnett
Rick Fritsche

Jamie Travis
Hortencia Mendoza
Ricky Broussard
Nancy Lepley
Claudia Cardenas
Judy Kantorczyk

Members Absent:

Stacy Marthiljohni
Charlie Cooper

Staff Members Present:

Mike Bright
Beverly Main
Rona Statman
Amy Mizcles
Dee West

Esther Diana
Deirdre Anderson
Dee Dee Eberle
Chris Oglesby

Guests Present:

Nancy Lawson

Public Comments:

Mike Bright announced that no one had requested the opportunity to present comments to the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

President Brown called for amendments or corrections to the minutes of the previous Board Meeting. Rick Fritsche **MOVED that the minutes of the December 3, 2004 meeting of The Arc of Texas Board of Directors be approved as presented.** Hortencia Mendoza **SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Consideration of the Master Pooled Trust Report:

Chris Oglesby, Manager of the Master Pooled Trust, updated Board Members on the recent growth and activities related to the Trust. He noted that the assets of the Trust now stood at more than \$14 million with 470 enrollees and 375 funded accounts. He discussed the outstanding results from the most recent customer satisfaction survey.

The MPT report required no action by the Board of Directors

Consideration of the Report of the President:

Ron Brown reported on his recent activities as President. He noted that Ed Anderson had resigned from the Board due to personal reasons and that the seat would remain vacant until the June Annual Meeting. He updated the Board on his ongoing communications with the Executive Director and on his involvement with The Arc of the United States Strategic Planning Committee.

The report of the President required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of the Texas Advocates:

Claudia Cardenas, President of Texas Advocates, reported on the recent activities of her organization. Items discussed in her report included:

- Texas Advocates participation in Capitol Day and on-going legislative visits
- January 27-28, 2005 Texas Advocates Board of Directors meeting
- Acquisition of a \$200,000/yr. three-year grant from the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities to promote self-determination and self-advocacy training for consumers in Texas.

The Texas Advocates report required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of The Arc of the United States:

Richard Garnett updated the Board on recent activities of The Arc of the United States. Items discussed in his report included:

- Alliance for Full Participation seminar in Washington, Sept. 22-23, 2005
- National budget issues
- National fund development initiatives

Dr. Garnett's report required no action by the Board of Directors.

Executive Session:

The President dismissed visitors and called the Board into a closed Executive Session to receive a report from The Arc's attorney regarding McCarthy v Hawkins.

Following the conclusion of the Executive Session, the President announced that no action had been taken by the Board of Directors during the Executive Session.

Consideration of the Report of the Executive Director:

Mike Bright updated the Board on a variety of activities related to staff and the annual plan. Items discussed in his report included:

- General status of the Annual Plan, budget, GA platform and litigation
- Status of staff
- Litigation briefings with key legislators
- Texas Talk format revision
- City of Austin delay in Waller Creek project
- Appointment to the HHSC Promoting Independence Advisory Committee
- Upcoming presentation to the Texas Association on Mental Retardation

Mr. Bright also asked Rona Statman to update the Board regarding the Inclusion Works Conference and the Rio Grande Valley project.

The report of the Executive Director required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of the Governmental Affairs Committee:

- (1) Amy Mizcles gave a complete update to the Board on key substantive legislation proposals reflected in The Arc's Legislative Platform and the status of the Appropriations Bill in the 79th Legislature.
- (2) Mike Bright reported to the Board on major national advocacy issues that are now impacting or that soon will impact people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
- (3) Mike Bright reported to the Board on progress within Texas toward implementation of the national Alliance for Full Participation sponsored by The Arc of the United States and seven other host organizations.

The report of the Governmental Affairs Committee required no action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of the Finance and Operations Committee:

Beth Turner presented the report of the Finance and Operations Committee. Items discussed in her report included:

- 2004 Fourth Quarter Financial Statements
- January-February 2005 Financial Statements
- Household Recycling
- Investments
- Amendment to the Employee Retirement Plan

The Finance and Operations Committee **MOVED that The Arc of Texas Board of Directors adopt by resolution the proposed amendment to The Arc of Texas Employee Retirement Plan to reduce the automatic cash-out from \$5,000 to \$1,000.** The Motion did not require a Second. **The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

The Finance and Operations Committee report required no further action by the Board of Directors.

Consideration of the Report of the Chapter Services Committee:

Rick Fritsche presented the report of the Chapter Services Committee. Items discussed in his report included:

- Consideration of the proposed bylaw amendments from The Arc of Texas in El Paso
- Splits of Drop Box revenue with participating local chapters

The Chapter Services Committee **MOVED that The Arc of Texas Board of Directors approve the proposed Bylaw amendments of The Arc of Texas in El Paso.** The Motion did not require a Second. **The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

Update and Board Discussion: Development Projects:

1. Deidre Anderson updated the Board of Directors on the 2005 Leadership Award Project, the Local Independent Charities project, and the 2004 Share the Vision initiative.
2. Beverly Main provided background and an activities update on the Household Recycling Program
3. Mike Bright presented background and an activities update regarding the Drop Box program
4. Deirdre Anderson and Mike Bright discussed The Arc of Texas participation in The Arc of the US Spread the Word campaign.
5. Via conference call, Kathy Hurt, Executive Director of The Arc of Dallas, described the Topping Out project

By CONSENSUS, the Board of Directors instructed the Executive Director:

- **To explore the possibility of a limited Spread the Word pilot project involving only Board and Committee members with proceeds benefiting the Legal Fund, and**
- **To gather further information regarding the Topping Out project from The Arc of Dallas and report back to the Board in June**

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Brown **ADJOURNED the meeting at 3:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Munoz - Secretary