

# MINUTES

**The Arc of Texas Board of Directors  
Friday, June 24, 2005  
The Arc of Texas, State Office, Austin, Texas**

**Call to Order:**

President Ron Brown called the meeting of The Arc of Texas Board of Directors to order at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2005. A quorum of Board members was established.

**Members Present:**

Ron Brown	Charlie Huber*
Laura Butler	Dennis Greer*
Pat Munoz	Hortencia Mendoza
Richard Garnett	Jamie Travis
Nancy Lepley	Judy Kantorczyk
Stacy Marthiljohni	Rick Fritsche

\*Note: Seated at this Board meeting to fill unexpired terms

**Members Absent:**

Beth Turner	Claudia Cardenas
Ricky Broussard	

**Staff Present:**

Mike Bright	Beverly Main
Chris Oglesby	Esther Chung
Dee Dee Eberle	James Meadours

**Announcement of Resignation:**

President Brown noted that he had, with regret, accepted the resignation of Charles Cooper from the Board of Directors as a result of personal circumstances.

**Citizens Comments:**

Mike Bright reported that no one had requested the opportunity to speak to the Board at this meeting.

### **Elections to Fill Unexpired Board Terms:**

President Brown noted that Kirk Fritschen and Ed Anderson had resigned from the Board of Directors earlier in the year leaving unexpired terms. He reminded the Board that the Bylaws allow the Board to fill vacancies in the periods between Biannual Meetings. The President recommended that the Board elect Dennis Greer of Dallas and Charlie Huber from Fort Bend County to fill the two vacant seats on the Board until the next Biannual Meeting in 2006.

Richard Garnett **MOVED that the Board of Directors elect Dennis Greer and Charlie Huber to fill unexpired terms created by the resignations of Mr. Fritschen and Mr. Anderson.** Pat Munoz **SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

### **Consideration of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

President Brown called for corrections to the Minutes of the April 15, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors. Judy Kantorczyk **MOVED that the Minutes of the April 15, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as presented.** Rick Fritsche **SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

### **Election of Board Members to serve on the Executive Committee:**

President Brown noted that the Board must annually elect two members to serve with the Officers on the Executive Committee. He recommended that Rick Fritsche and Jamie Travis be elected to the Executive Committee. Richard Garnett **MOVED that Jamie Travis and Rick Fritsche be elected to the Executive Committee for 2005-2006.** Pat Munoz **SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

### **Appointment of the Executive Directors' Representative to the Board of Directors:**

President Brown announced that he had invited Judy Kantorczyk to serve a second term as the local Executive Directors' representative to the Board of Directors. Ms. Kantorczyk agreed to continue on the Board.

### **Review of Committee Charges for 2005-2006:**

President Brown reviewed the Committee Charges to The Arc of Texas Committee's for 2005-2006 and announced that committee appointments would be made in the next few days.

### **Board Internal Business:**

President Brown reviewed and requested Board members to individually consider and complete the following:

- Board Evaluation and Training Needs survey
- Board Member Agreement Form

President Brown also reviewed the proposed new Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy. Following discussion of legal conflict-of-interest issues and requirements, Richard Garnett **MOVED that the Board of Directors adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented with minor non-substantive editorial amendments.** Pat Munoz **SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

**Consideration of the Report of the Governmental Affairs Committee:**

Richard Garnett – Chairman presented the report of the Governmental Affairs Committee. Items discussed in his report included:

- 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Summary
- Waiting List appropriations results
- Networking with other organizations on HB 470/HB 2572
- Development of new Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Coalition for the Future
- Meetings with DADS officials regarding future MR services delivery
- Local Advocacy Network (LAN) grant Update

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:**

Charlie Huber presented the report of the Finance and Operations Committee. Items discussed in his report included:

Review of the April 2005 Financial Statements

- Review of 2005 1st Quarter Financials
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- Update on Household Recycling and Drop Box projects
- Review of Investments

Dennis Greer **MOVED that the 2005 operational budget be amended to reflect the funds contracted to the Arc of Texas by the Texas Advocates in the furtherance of the Peer-to-Peer Grant.** Rick Fritsche **SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

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

### **Consideration of the Report of the Chapter Services Committee:**

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

- Review of The Arc of Katy proposed Bylaw amendments
- Development of a new Local President's manual

The Chapter Services Committee **MOVED that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of The Arc of Katy subject to removal of the Bylaws section speaking to the duties of the Residential Services Committee.** No seconding motion is required for a motion made by a Committee. **The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

### **Consideration of the Report of the President:**

President Brown updated the Board on his recent activities. Items discussed in his report included:

- Laura Butler will attend The Arc of the United States Summer Leadership Training Seminar
- Update on The Arc of the United States Strategic Planning initiative
- Communications with the Executive Director

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

### **Consideration of the Report of the Texas Advocates:**

In the absence of President Claudia Cardenas, James Meadours gave the report of the Texas Advocates. Items discussed in his report included:

- Recently approved Peer to Peer grant from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
- Texas Advocates participation in the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session
- 2005 Texas Advocates Convention in Houston, July 29-30

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

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

Richard Garnett – Board member of The Arc of the United States reported to the Board on the recent activities of the national organization. Items included in his report included:

- September 2005 Alliance for Full Participation
- Chapter Services issues under consideration
- Summer Leadership Training Seminar

- Major Governmental Affairs initiatives

The report of The Arc of the United States required no action by the Board of Directors.

#### **Executive Session - Litigation Update:**

President Brown announced that the Board of Directors would sit in Executive Session for the purpose of being briefed on McCarthy v. Hawkins. Geoff Courtney briefed the Board on recent activities related to the litigation.

No action by the Board was required on Mr. Courtney's report.

President Brown re-convened the Board meeting in open session and noted that the Board had taken no action during the Executive Session.

#### **Consideration of the Report of the Executive Director:**

Mike Bright presented the report of the Executive Director. Items discussed in his report included:

- Update on City of Austin Walnut Creek revitalization project
- Introduction of James Meadours as Co-director of the Texas Advocates Peer-to-Peer Project
- Update regarding LAN grant project successes and challenges, especially in the Rio Grande valley
- Master Pooled Trust Update
- Review of 2005 Annual Plan progress report
- New directions for The Arc of Texas Development Department
- Proposal for a new long-range project: Project Imagine

Rick Fritsche **MOVED that the agenda for the next Board meeting include significant time for brainstorming about Project Imagine.** Hortencia Mendoza **SECONDED THE MOTION. The MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

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

#### **Consideration of Old Business:**

The President reported that there were no items of old business for Board consideration.

#### **Consideration of New Business:**

The President reported that there were no items of new business for Board consideration.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, President Brown **ADJOURNED the meeting at 5:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Munoz - Secretary