

Bridges of Colorado

Connecting Colorado's Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems

Bridges Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 25, 2024

Convened at 12:06 PM and Concluded at 1:59 PM

Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation Boardroom
Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library
2401 Welton St. Denver, CO

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Commissioners

- Zachary Brown, Chief Deputy, State PD Designee (virtual attendee)
- Beth Harris-Robinson, General Counsel, Archway Communities
- Jack Johnson, Public Policy Liaison, Disability Law Colorado
- Andrea Jones, Deputy Policy Director, BHA Designee
- Hassan Latif, Founder and Former Executive Director, Second Chance Center
- Alan Marschke, Judicial Liaison, OCFMH Designee
- Beth McCann, Denver DA, CDAC Designee
- Julie Reiskin, Executive Director, Colorado Cross Disabilities Coalition
- James van Beek, Sheriff, Eagle County

Other Attendees

- Jennifer Turner, Executive Director, Bridges of Colorado
- Bree Cole, Legal Director, Bridges of Colorado
- Kirsten Grooms, Colorado Attorney General's Office
- Nate Haas, Communications Manager, Bridges of Colorado
- Alex Vigil, Administrative Manager, Bridges of Colorado

Minutes

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions

Commissioners and other attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Jack Johnson moved to approve the previous meeting's minutes, Beth Harris-Robinson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Adoption of 2024 Meeting Schedule

Commissioners were provided with the 2024 meeting schedule for their review and added a requirement for commissioners to attend a minimum of three of the four meetings in a calendar year. Hassan Latif moved to approve the motion, Jack Johnson seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Commission Vacancy

The Commission engaged in discussion regarding how to fill a vacancy on the commission. Hassan Latif recommended Executive Director Jennifer Turner explore options for replacement with recommendations from the commission. James van Beek suggested compiling a list of prospective candidates with bios that can be shared with the commission. The commission concurred.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Adoption of Bridges Commission Policies

The Commission engaged in discussion regarding drafts of policies covering complaints regarding director, conflicts of interest, public comment, public records, and records retention. Commission members offered verbal edits to the documents and tabled adoption until the March meeting pending further refinement of the policies.

Agenda Item: Amendment to Executive Director Job Description regarding ADA accommodations

The Commission engaged in discussion of the amendment to the job description that adds a commitment to full inclusion. The addition adds a provision to provide reasonable accommodation requests related to Bridges' employment. It will be included in all job descriptions moving forward. Jack Johnson moved to approve, Beth Harris-Robinson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously

Agenda Item: Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Jennifer Turner summarized key highlights of the budget, hiring, and 2024 legislation contained in the commission packet.

Next Steps:

- Executive Jennifer Turner will interview possible replacements for the commission vacancy and share bios with the commission

Agenda Items Identified for Next Meeting:

- Review and adopt revised policies covering complaints regarding director, conflicts of interest, public comment, public records, and records retention
- Review potential candidates for the commission vacancy