

**Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)
Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

TIME: 10-11:30am

PLACE: 1650 Mission St. 5th Floor, Golden Gate Room

To protect the health of the Advisory Council members, DAS staff, and members of the public during the COVID-19 health emergency, the DAS Advisory Council will continue to hold meetings remotely. Members of the public are encouraged to also participate in the meetings remotely.

Members Present: Allen Cooper, Margaret Graf, Chris Dillon, Ivy Chang, Beverly Karnatz, Diane Lawrence, Darlene Ramlose, Marcy Adelman, Morningstar Vancil.

Members Absent Excused: Juliet Rothman, Renee Richards, Tia Small, and Lisa Cook.

WELCOME: Call to order 10:02am and welcome Council Members and guests

Roll Call/Secretary

Motion to approve the November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes: approved.

Public Comment: No public comment

Director's Report, presented by Executive Director Kelly Dearman:

The budget is not looking good unfortunately because recovery has not been good, and expenditures are high. Mayor's office has requested a 15% city departmental cut. Programs will have to be resized, and every dollar will have to be accounted for.

I have not met with the mayor elect one on one yet but will soon and I know his big priority is accountability and analysis.

The Older American's Act is now heading through the House and then the Senate and hopefully will be passed within the next few days. The president elect is very much interested in caregivers and hopefully that fares well for Older Americans.

Looking forward to the holidays and hope everyone has time to re-energize and focus on our priorities for the new year.

Allen asked about what Kelly will speak to the mayor elect about in terms of priorities. When talking to the mayor elect will prioritize on speaking on the Dignity Fund, conservatorships, and 1 more topic to be determined.

Diane mentioned the Community Needs Assessment's four-year cycle will be up soon and we will start working on that

President's Report by President Lawrence:

Thanked all the members since it's my last meeting as president.

New Business:

A. Votes for new officers:

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- a. Allen Cooper for President
- b. For 1st Vice President Chris Dillon
- c. For 2nd Vice President Juliet Rothman
- d. For Secretary Tia Small

All positions were voted on and unanimously passed

Allen thanked everyone and he is looking forward to leading the council moving forward.

B. Vote to reappoint the members of the Dignity Fund

- a. Diane Lawrence, Marcy Adelman, and Allen Cooper were all unanimously nominated and voted to be reappointed to the Dignity Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Reports from the Field:

Dr. Marcy Adelman spoke on the LGBTQ survey and happy to have it available as its one of the first of its kind.

Margaret spoke on the how great a leader Diane has been and presented her with a card and how much gratitude her and the rest of the council has for her and her leadership.

Marcy wanted to do something special for Diane and presented her with an award for her leadership and wisdom.

Adjourned early to enjoy some holiday refreshments for President Lawrence's last meeting.

- **Announcements/Reminders**
- **Adjournment: 10:46am**

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 15, 2025