



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, January 25th via teleconference Arlington,
VA**

Board Members Present

Steve Pitman, Chair	Shirley Holloway	Micah Pearson
Lacey Berumen	Adrienne Kennedy	Barbara Ricci
Charma Dudley	Carlos Larrauri	Carrie Roach
Vickey Gonzalez	Amanda Lipp	Bob Spada
Jim Hayes	Jackie Martinez	Dave Stafford
		Gloria Walker

Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Mary Giliberti	Susan Gaffney	Bob Scott
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Call to Order

The Chair called the special meeting of the NAMI Board of Directors to order on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was declared present. Vickey Gonzalez, Carlos Larrauri, Carrie Roach, and Gloria Walker joined after quorum declared. Carlos was excused at 5:33 p.m. Eastern. Amanda left the call at some point before the end of the meeting. Having been notified of the agenda in advance, per Board Operating Policies and Procedures Section 6.1.3.4, the committee proceeded through the agenda.

Endorsements

12 re-affiliation endorsements were presented by the Governance Committee for consideration by the board.

Upon motion by Bob Spada, seconded by Jim Hayes, the following affiliates were approved for Re-Affiliation. The votes were unanimous of members in attendance at the time the vote was called with abstentions for specific affiliates noted:

- NAMI Kokomo (IN) [Model B]
- NAMI Madison County (IN) [Model B]
- NAMI South Central (IN) [Model B]
- NAMI Evansville (IN) [Model C]
- NAMI Piscataquis County (ME) [Model B]
- NAMI Kitsap County (WA) [Model B]
- NAMI Lewis County (WA) [Model B]
- NAMI Union County (NJ) [Model A]
- NAMI Williamsburg (VA) [Model A]
- NAMI Edmond-North OKC (OK) [Model A]

Adrienne Kennedy abstained.

- NAMI Gulf Coast (TX) [Model A]

Shirley Holloway abstained.

- NAMI Fairbanks (AK) [Model A]

Open Call Letter

Adrienne Kennedy opened the discussion of the efforts of the Capacity Building Workgroup. Jim Hayes provided context behind the language in the current version of the letter as presented. Discussion was opened to the members in attendance.

Concerns were raised around the confidentiality of background check process. It was clarified that the results will be kept internal, but might affect the recommendation by the Board.

After discussion regarding the credentials of candidates, Susan Gaffney suggested some edits to the letter. She suggested breaking the credentials language into its own bullet with clarifying language that, if a candidate presents education and professional credentials, those will be verified. The criminal background check will be made its own bullet so the language doesn't get lost. Steve Pitman suggested additional clarification that the background check will NOT disqualify an individual.

The biggest concern is that the letter may turn people away from running for the Board and make NAMI seem less inclusive.

Upon motion by Bob Spada, seconded by Jim Hayes, a roll call vote was taken on approving the open call letter as amended in notes above. The letter as amended passed with 12 ayes, 2 nays.

Roll Call:

Steve Pitman – aye

Lacey – aye

Vickey – aye

Bob- aye

Adrienne – aye

Charma – aye

Jim – aye

Shirley – aye

Jackie – aye

Micah – nay

Barbara – aye

Carrie – aye

Dave – aye

Gloria – nay

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Kennedy

January 26, 2018