

**North Dakota
Brain Injury Advisory Council
Legislative Committee**

**Video Conference Meeting
December 3, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order and Welcome: Greg Gallagher, BIAC Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM, CT, via video conference, and welcomed ND Brain Injury Advisory Council (BIAC), Legislative Committee members. Member attendance was recorded by meeting registration.

NDBIAC Legislative Committee Members Present: Sarah Ring; Mandy Slag; Nan Kennelly; and Rebecca Quinn

Observers: Tami Conrad, Department of Human Services; Amber Buzick, ND Brain Injury Network.

Facilitation: Greg Gallagher, Deputy Director, The Consensus Council, Inc., served as facilitator.

Approval of Agenda. Greg Gallagher reviewed the charge of the Legislative Committee resulting from BIAC action during the November 20, 2020, BIAC quarterly business meeting. Pursuant to BIAC resolution, the Legislative Committee is responsible for (1) receiving and considering any amendments to a bill draft proposal regarding BIAC membership requirements set forth within NDCC 50-06.4-10; (2) consider procedural steps required to secure the agreement of the full-BIAC to any prospective bill draft amendments; and (3) to consider any associated matters for BIAC action

Reference to Past BIAC Action. During the November 20, 2020, BIAC quarterly business meeting, the BIAC passed a series of resolutions that (1) instructed Senator Howard Anderson, on behalf of the BIAC, to approach the Legislative Council to prepare a bill draft to amend current law, [NDCC 50-06.4-10](#), that defines the membership of the BIAC; (2) outlined broad criteria for the bill draft; and (3) established and appointed members to a special BIAC Legislative Committee, charged with reviewing, including drafting any amendments, of any resulting bill draft.

The BIAC-approved resolution specified that any amendments to the current NDCC 50-06.4-10 maintain the current voting membership size of the BIAC and provide flexible language to ensure an increase in survivor and family membership of at least a 50% level. Senator Howard Anderson forwarded this request to the Legislative Council for drafting. Following the receipt of the final bill draft (Bill Draft Version 21.0384.01000, attached) from the Legislative Council, Mr. Gallagher convened a meeting of the Legislative Committee to review the bill draft.

Legislative Committee Action. The Legislative Committee reviewed the charge given to it by the BIAC, reviewed the current NDCC 50-06.4-10, and discussed the bill draft (Bill Draft Version 21.0384.01000, attached) prepared by the Legislative Council. Mindful of its obligation to meet the criteria set forth in the November 20, 2020, BIAC resolution defining the work of the Committee, the members of the Legislative Committee passed the following amendments to the bill draft.

Amendment 1: Directive

Rebecca Quinn made and Nan Kennelly seconded a motion to replace the term “shall” with “may” on Line 8. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 2: Permissive Membership Category Size, Item a, Line 13.

Sarah Ring made and Nan Kennelly seconded a motion to replace “At least ~~two~~” members in Line 13, within Item “a”, with “At least one” member.

The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 3: Permissive Membership Category Size, Item b, Line 14.

Sarah Ring made and Nan Kennelly seconded a motion to replace “At least ~~two~~” members in Line 14, within Item “b”, with “At least one” member.

The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 4: Permissive Membership Category Type, Item d, Line 20

Rebecca Quinn made and Sarah Ring seconded a motion to insert, within Item “d” on Line 20 following the word “commission”, the following: “, may be a brain injury survivor or a family member of a brain injury survivor.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Meeting of the Full BIAC Membership to Review and Approve Proposed Amendments.

Committee members instructed Mr. Gallagher to convene a meeting of the full BIAC at the earliest possible date to review and approve the amendments proposed by the BIAC Legislative Committee. Following this review and approval process, the BIAC would request Senator Howard Anderson to forward the resulting amendment language to the Legislative Council to update Bill Draft Version 21.0384.01000 to a subsequent version. Mr. Gallagher stated that he would prepare the minutes, including the proposed amendments, for distribution to the full BIAC membership. Mr. Gallagher will schedule a future meeting of the full membership by mid-December via a Doodle poll.

Having completed its agenda, the members of the Legislative Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:24 AM, CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gallagher
BIAC Facilitator,
Deputy Director,
The Consensus Council, Inc.