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

Board Members Absent

Staff Present
Mary Giliberti              Susan Gaffney            Bob Scott

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