



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 23rd via teleconference Arlington,
VA**

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Amanda Lipp	Gloria Walker
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Staff Present

Mary Giliberti	Susan Gaffney	Bob Scott
David Levy		

Call to Order

The Chair called the special meeting of the NAMI Board of Directors to order on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 5:05 p.m. Eastern. A quorum was declared present. Amanda Lipp joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Eastern after quorum declared. Steve Pitman, Chair, requested a change in the order of items on the agenda to move the Discussion of the Board Candidates to the last spot on the agenda to allow for easier recusal of board members running in this year's election. Receiving approval and having been notified of the agenda in advance, per Board Operating Policies and Procedures Section 6.1.3.4, the board proceeded through the agenda.

Grafik Contract Terms and Scope of Work

David Levy highlighted the terms of this new contract and scope of work with Grafik with whom NAMI will be engaging to redesign NAMI's public-facing website. As this contract exceeds \$100,000, board approval is required.

Upon motion by Jim Hayes, second by Bob Spada, the board voted unanimously to approve the signing of the contract with Grafik.

At 5:23 p.m. Amanda Lipp joined the call.

Re-affiliation timeline, deadline and messaging

Susan Gaffney presented a talking points document to the Board that represents a framework of actions through

out the final six months of the re-affiliation initiative to communicate clearly from the board to the grassroots the expectations of completion and the consequences for not meeting the deadline. Approved talking points will inform staff work for the remainder of the year.

Upon motion by Micah Pearson, seconded by Lacey Berumen, the board voted unanimously to approve the talking points document for messaging regarding Re-affiliation deadline and consequences.

Recommendation of 2018 Board Candidates

At 5:41 p.m. Eastern, as candidates running in this year's elections process, Steve Pitman and Dave Stafford recused themselves from the meeting. Steve turned the meeting over to Lacey Berumen, 1st Vice President.

Upon motion by Carrie Roach, second by Bob Spada, the meeting moved into executive session at the request of Lacey, acting chair.

At 7:27 p.m. Eastern, upon motion by Jim Hayes, seconded by Micah Pearson, executive session concluded, and the following motion was reported as approved.

MOTION

The NAMI Board of Directors is appreciative of the excellent candidates who applied for the 2018 NAMI Board of Directors vacancies. The current NAMI Board of Directors endorses all the candidates as qualified applicants. In addition, we highlight five candidates as **Highly Recommended**, and four candidates as **Recommended**, regarding the skills identified as priority needs of the NAMI Board of Directors this year.

Highly Recommended (listed alphabetically):

- Joyce A. Campbell, nominated by NAMI Ohio
- Vanessa Fernandes, nominated by NAMI Austin (Texas)
- Captain Stacey L. Owens, nominated by NAMI Greenville (South Carolina)
- Steve Pitman, nominated by NAMI Orange County (California)
- Dave Stafford, nominated by NAMI South Carolina

Recommended (listed alphabetically):

- Phyllis Arends, nominated by NAMI Sioux Falls (South Dakota)
- Linda Welsch Jensen, PhD, RN, nominated by NAMI Nebraska
- Rima Reddy, nominated by NAMI New York City Metro (New York)
- Leah Thedford, nominated by NAMI Texas

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Kennedy
May 24, 2018