

Illinois Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2021

The Executive Committee of the Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council held a meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. In total, 9 individuals attended the meeting.

PRESENT:

Emily Friedman, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Marty Green, Illinois CPA Society
Monique B. Jones, Forefront
Jodi Pellettiere Patt, Quarles & Brady, LLP
David Rosen, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
Richard Sevcik, Perkins Coie

In addition, the following staff members from the Illinois Attorney General's Office were present:
Barry Goldberg, Kristin Louis and Theresa Geary

Members not in attendance: None

I. Welcome

Barry Goldberg opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m., welcomed EC members and conducted a roll call.

II. Review and Approve 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Barry Goldberg asked the Executive Committee to review the minutes from the 2020 Executive Committee Meeting. Emily Friedman indicated there were two minor typos to be corrected. David Rosen motioned to approve the minutes and Marty Green seconded the motion. A voice vote occurred with all members voting in favor of approving the minutes. There were no objections.

III. Old Business

There was no old business.

IV. New Business

a. Charitable Advisory Council Discussion

Barry Goldberg introduced Monique B. Jones, new Executive Director/CEO of Forefront who has agreed to join the CAC and Executive Committee as Co-Chair to replace previous ED/CEO Eric Weinheimer.

Monique Jones also introduced herself.

Barry Goldberg indicated that today's meeting is to discuss convening a full Charitable Advisory Council and asked if the Executive Committee agrees to host a virtual meeting in 2022.

The Committee indicated their support to host a virtual meeting.
Barry Goldberg asked if there are any recommendations on when to host the meeting.

David Rosen indicated that virtual meetings give the council flexibility since there is no need for travel arrangements.

Monique Jones asked when historically these meetings occurred.

Theresa Geary indicated these meetings traditionally were held in November or December but that the goal had been to move them to Spring before the pandemic occurred.

Rick Sevick suggested April 2022.

Barry Goldberg indicated that a late April or early May meeting may work best to avoid religious holidays and based on that schedule, an Executive Committee planning meeting in March 2022 would be helpful.

The Executive Committee indicated agreement.

b. Membership Updates / Recommendations on Filing CAC Vacancies

Barry Goldberg shared that recently the Charitable Advisory Council lost a past member, David Chernof, in the past year and spoke of his contributions to the charitable sector.

Barry Goldberg indicated that the CAC Charter states that there should be 40-60 members. Currently there are approximately 30 members due to staffing changes and retirements.

The Charitable Trust Bureau is seeking recommendations from the Executive Committee for 10-15 additional members to share with Attorney General and be appointed in time for the 2022 Meeting.

The CAC Charter indicates that members should work in charitable giving, volunteering and fund raising in Illinois. The composition of the CAC will reflect the geographic diversity of the state of Illinois.

Specifically, by hosting virtual meetings hopefully there can be better statewide representation as well as diversity. Currently most members are from the Chicagoland area.

No specific recommendations from the Executive Committee received during the meeting so they were asked to email Theresa Geary any membership recommendations post-meeting.

David Rosen asked that the current membership list be shared.

Rick Sevick asked if there are any areas lacking representation.

Members agreed to review the membership and make suggestions.

c. Charitable Trust Bureau Updated

Barry Goldberg provided an update on the Attorney General's computer network compromise. The Charitable Trust Bureau continued to process registrations and annual reports during this time; however, the public database was not operational.

Barry Goldberg shared that the public database is fully back up and running properly.

In addition, the Charitable Trust Bureau welcomed a new Assistant Attorney General Michele Milstein.

The Charitable Trust Bureau just filed an enforcement action against a DuPage County charity, the Wheaton Historic Preservation Council, seeking an accounting for the questionable use of over \$300K in charitable assets by insiders after it sold its property and closed its museum. A press release was issued yesterday and is available on the Attorney General's Website. (See:

https://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/pressroom/2021_12/20211208.html.)

d. Changes to the Community Benefit Act affecting the Charitable Trust Bureau

Recently, there was an amendment to the Community Benefits Act that will go into effect January 1, 2022.

Under this amendment:

1. There are some definitional changes,
2. A new requirement that all hospitals within a hospital system will now need to file a separate community benefit plan report from its parent hospital system (until now, hospital systems could file a consolidated community benefit plan reports for all Illinois hospitals within their respective systems), and
3. A new requirement for the Attorney General's Office to provide notice on our website informing the public how they can get copies of a hospital's community benefit plan report upon request.

An updated community benefit plan report form and related instruction sheet that will conform to the new definitions and requirements after January 1, 2022 is being posted on the forms/reports page of the Building Better Charities portion of the Attorney General's website.

Contact information about how to request copies of a hospital's community benefit plan report upon request will be posted there as well.

Due to the effective date of the amendment, there will be overlap regarding when the old version of the form and instructions can still be used and when the updated form/instruction must be used. For example, hospitals subject to the Act that report for

Fiscal Years ending prior to the effective date of the amendment (i.e., 12/31/2021 or earlier) can submit their reports on the old versions, whereas hospitals reporting for periods ending after the effective date of the amendment (after 1/1/2022) will need to use the new versions. As such, we plan to continue to post the old versions of the report forms and instruction sheets during 2022 (when reports for periods ending 12/31/2021 or earlier may still be filed).

Members asked questions related to the type of information provided in the reports and what reports may show.

I. Public Comment

Barry Goldberg asked for Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

Marty Green asked to make a statement and provided kudos to the Attorney General staff for being responsive to issues during COVID and in light of filing issues.

II. Closing

Marty Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Rosen seconded the motion. A voice vote occurred with all members voting in favor of adjournment. There were no objections.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.