

Illinois Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2020

The Executive Committee of the Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council held a meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference. In total, 5 individuals attended the meeting.

PRESENT:

Emily Friedman, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
David Rosen, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

In addition, the following staff members from the Illinois Attorney General's Office were present:

Barry Goldberg, Kristin Louis and Theresa Geary

I. Welcome

Barry Goldberg opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m., welcomed EC members and shared who was on the call.

II. Review and Approve 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Barry Goldberg asked the Executive Committee to review the minutes from the 2019 Executive Committee Meeting. Emily Friedman motioned to approve the minutes with that change (described in more detail in Old Business below), and David Rosen seconded the motion. A voice vote occurred with all members voting in favor of approving the minutes. There were no objections.

III. Old Business

Barry Goldberg asked if there was any old business that needed to be addressed.

David Rosen reflected on the 2019 minutes, which showed that the Executive Committee intended to call a 2020 Charitable Advisory Council meeting but that due to COVID other issues arose. Ultimately, it was not feasible to call a 2020 meeting.

IV. New Business

a. Charitable Advisory Council Discussion

Barry Goldberg reiterated that while everyone intended for a full council meeting in 2020, COVID did not make such a meeting feasible. The charitable sector has been engaged in critical work to sustain nonprofits and respond to the needs of their constituents during COVID.

Barry Goldberg shared that the Illinois Attorney General's Office has made available COVID specific guidance related to nonprofits on the office's website.

b. Membership Updates and Recommendations

Barry Goldberg provided an update on membership. Jodi Pellettiere Patt from Quarles & Brady, LLP has agreed to replace Janice Rogers on the Charitable Advisory Council and be a member of the Executive Committee. She was not available to participate today but we look forward to working with her. In addition, an invitation will be extended to Monique Brunson Jones, new Executive Director/CEO of Forefront to join the Charitable Advisory Council and Executive Committee as Co-Chair to replace previous Eric Weinheimer. Monique starts in early January 2021 and we look forward to talking with her about the CAC and EC.

David Rosen asked if the Illinois Attorney General's Office has seen an increase in the number of nonprofits requesting extensions in response to the pandemic.

Barry Goldberg responded that at the beginning of the pandemic several accountants preemptively filed requests for extensions for their clients, however, most organizations have been able to file timely. The office continues to receive and process mail as normal.

David Rosen asked if there is any mail backlog.

Kristin Louis shared that the office receives approximately 24 buckets of mail over 2-3 days per a week and that staff is generally able to handle that week's mail timely.

David Rosen encouraged that a review of leaders in the nonprofit, philanthropic and social service be conducted to see if there are possible new members to consider. This would address the long tenure of current members and upcoming retirements.

David Rosen suggested engaging with the new executive director of Forefront for suggestions and that virtual participation might allow for better statewide participation.

A discussion on virtual meetings and platforms occurred.

Barry Goldberg asked if the Executive Committee would be interested in a longer planning meeting in early 2021 to continue the discussion on possible leaders to include in the Charitable Advisory Council and how to convene and engage the Charitable Advisory Council.

David Rosen and Emily Friedman indicated that both are in favor.

V. Public Comment

Barry Goldberg asked for Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

VI. Closing

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.