# Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council

**Minutes** April 14, 2022 |9:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## Call to Order

Robyn Block called the virtual meeting using Zoom to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

## Present

Brian Baker, Robyn Block, Paulo Matheus Carvalho Chaves de Castro, Joe Dailey, Bonnie Danberry, Rosalie Eisenreich, Deborah Gleason, Stephen Larson, Linda Lingen, Larry Lura, Mohamed Mourssi Alfash, Tom Reed, Judy Sanders, Julia Washenberger

## Absent

Haley Kimmet

## Excused

Lisa Harvey, Gloria LaFriniere, Karen Larson

## Ex Officio Present

Brad Westerlund, Ed Lecher

## Ex Officio Absent

David Fenley

## Staff Present

Jo Erbes

## Guests

Angie Bosch, Executive Director, Freedom Resources; Hannah Quenemoen, Youth

## Approve Agenda

Motion made by Brian Baker, seconded by Julia Washenberger to approve the April 14, 2022 meeting agenda. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

## Approve March 17, 2022, meeting minutes

Minutes were not available

## SPIL Timeline Discussion

Holly Johnson, Lanterna Consulting reviewed the proposed SPIL Timeline and talked about what steps are important to MNSILC. There was a motion made by Judy Sanders, seconded by Linda Lingen and Brian Baker to cancel the October 13th council meeting and to schedule a meeting to discuss the SPIL on October 18 and 19th. The motion carried by roll call vote. Brian Baker made a motion to host meetings on November 9th and 10 for additional SPIL discussion. The motion was withdrawn until further information about SPIL development is obtained. The council reviewed and revised the proposed SPIL timeline. Judy Sanders made a motion to approve the SPIL timeline. Deborah Gleason seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

## Public Comments

Deborah Gleason shared information about the MNCCD webinar regarding Long Term Covid. Rosalie Eisenreich shared information about informing centers for independent living when services are being suspended in an area and people rights are being restricted. Referred to the Advocacy Committee. The council discussed a referral made by a center for independent living to a council member to move into a nursing home, when PCA services are not available.

## DEED/VRS Update

Brad Westerlund discussed challenges in completing the Q90/ACL PPR for 2021; completing 217 contracts for services and state employees returning to the work place.

## SSB Update

Ed Lecher talked about SSB staff resuming in person work on April 22. MNSILC should be able to host in person meetings beginning with the May 12th meeting.

## MCD Update

No report

## Virtual or in person meeting with a CIL

The council would like to host a virtual meeting with Access North on June 9th to learn about services unique to them.

## Update – SRC -G

Linda Lingen reported on the activities involving work experience and youth.

## Update – SRC – B

There was no report.

## Committee Reports

### Advocacy Committee

Deborah Gleason highlighted legislation MNCCD is supporting. A former MNSILC member shared information about an accessibility and advocacy she pursued with a local library to install accessible doors leading into the library.

### Conference Planning Task Force

Pending the final contract, the fall conference will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Bloomington, on September 28 to 30th. There are 15 topics for discussion, plus evening entertainment. The registration fee will be $110 per person.

### Executive Committee

Brian Baker will be attending SILC Congress. There was discussion about the challenges with HCBS funding. Tom Reed will be invited to share information about communicating with people who use alternative communications methods.

### Outreach Committee

The committee discussed methods to contact underserved and underrepresented individuals and reviewed the results of the IL survey, COVID survey and youth surveys.

## Next Meeting

Beginning April 22nd, meetings in Minnesota will open to the public. MNSILC is required to follow open meeting laws. Rosalie Eisenreich shared a link to [Minnesota’s Open meeting laws](https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/openmtg.pdf). Linda Lingen agreed to staff the meeting at State Services for the Blind for the meeting on May 12, 2022.

## Adjourn

Stephen Larson made the motion at 1:30 p.m., seconded by Larry Lura to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Brian Baker, Secretary

Recorded by Jo Erbes