

NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2023
6:03 p.m. - 6:42 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathy Testoni, Michelle Hottenstein, Michelle Gerwick, Cherie Brummans, Jack Cahalane, Joan Erney, Sushma Sharma, Neen Davis, Kim Mathos

NOT PRESENT: Charma D. Dudley, Jerri Bourjolly,

STAFF: Christine Michaels, Debbie Ference, Maria Kakay

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Board President Kathy Testoni called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of the September 13, 2023, Board Meeting

MOTION: Michelle Hottenstein made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023, Board Meeting; Joan Erney seconded; the motion passed.

III. Approval to Endorse NAMI Erie County PA for Reaffiliation Status.

Discussion: CEO Christine Michaels explained that NAMI Erie County PA needs NKPA Board endorsement before it can be sent to NAMI National for approval. We are approaching the Nov. 15 deadline for reaffiliation. Five affiliates are almost ready for endorsement.

MOTION: Neen Davis made the motion to approve the endorsement of NAMI Erie County PA for reaffiliation; Michelle Gerwick seconded; the motion passed.

IV. Approval of the Amended and Restated Bylaws

Discussion: CEO Christine Michaels stated that a change in bylaws was required after the decision in May to become a Board-driven organization. NAMI National also sent two changes to be included. Another change is in regard to no limits on consecutive terms. When NKPA became a Board-governed organization, Affiliates also passed a motion to start an affiliate council which is in the bylaws. The first meeting of the Affiliate Council is October 30.

MOTION: Sushma Sharma made the motion to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws; Cherie Brummans seconded; the motion passed.

V. Approval of the Adoption of the Resolution of the Board of Directors

MOTION: Neen Davis made the motion to approve the Adoption of the Resolution of the Board of Directors; Cherie Brummans seconded; the motion passed.

VI. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO Christine Michaels said that the consultants in charge of NKPA's financial strategic planning process are ready to deliver a presentation to the Board at the November meeting. NKPA will also be sending out policies to the Board members, which is needed for PANO. Gov. Josh Shapiro signed an executive order creating a Behavioral Health Council and a Behavioral Health Advisory Board to examine the behavioral health system in Pennsylvania. The Advisory Board has a spot for a family member. The Council has two spots for peers.

VII. Approval to Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION: Joan Erney made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Michelle Gerwick seconded; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.