

# **Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Legislative and Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

Date of meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Start time: 2:00pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members Participating Remotely	
1	Chris White - President & CEO, Road to Responsibility Inc
2	Charles Carr - Legislative Liaison, Disability Policy Consortium
3	Angela Ortiz - Parent & Founder, Massachusetts Pediatric Home Nursing Campaign
Members Not Present	
	Carl Richardson

## **Welcome, Roll Calls, and Introductions**

- Subcommittee members introduced selves.
- Members reviewed the charge of the legislative and budget subcommittee: This subcommittee will identify and recommend legislative and budget priorities for the Commission, track those priorities, and provide regular updates to the full Commission on legislative and budget activity.

## **Election of Chair**

- Angela Ortiz nominated Charlie Carr to chair the subcommittee, the motion is seconded, and Charlie is elected chair unanimously.

## **Discussion of FY23 Subcommittee Goals**

- Members discussed *potential* goals for FY23:
  - Examine the policy pieces that were not ultimately included in the recently passed [economic development bill \(H5374\)](#)
  - Refile legislation that concerns individuals with disabilities.
  - Increase awareness of the commission and subcommittee in the State Houses as a resource for legislators about disability policy.
  - Organize a meet and greet with legislators to discuss subcommittee priorities and disability rights.
  - Examine budget issues and funding required for state agencies to provide services for people with disabilities.
  - Organize meeting with Governor-Elect Healey and new EOHHS Secretary (once named) to discuss priorities and understand Administration's priorities. Members agreed that legislative work should also go beyond health and human services, since individuals with disabilities are also impacted by housing, transportation, and other issues.
  - Partner with Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council's to participate in bill sharing event and identify bills for commission to promote.