



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. JML 24-42

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, citizens of the State of Louisiana with disabilities have unique needs including, but not limited to, access to continued education concerning compliance with all disability rights laws;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana will strive to remove any barriers that may prohibit individuals with disabilities from living a full, integrated and active life, and will provide relative to accomplishing that goal; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Louisiana to have a centralized and coordinated effort to further opportunities for persons with disabilities to enjoy full and equal access to lives of independence, productivity, and self-determination by serving Louisiana citizens with disabilities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The Governor's Advisory Council on Disability Affairs (hereafter "Council") is established and created within the executive department, Office of the Governor, Office of Disability Affairs.

Section 2: The duties of the Council shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Identify the needs, issues, and solutions relative to persons with disabilities;
- B. Assist the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs, when requested, in the resolution of state disabilities issues; and
- C. Provide education, communication, and networking services concerning disability issues and needs for all Louisiana citizens.

Section 3: The Council shall be composed of nine (9) members; the State ADA Coordinator, the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs, one (1) member of the Louisiana State Senate, designated by the President of the Louisiana Senate, one (1) member of the Louisiana House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives; and five members appointed by the Governor who are representative of persons with disabilities.

Section 4: The chair of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor from the membership of the Council. All other officers, if any, shall be elected by and from the membership of the Council.

Section 5: The Council shall meet at regularly scheduled intervals and at the call of the chair.

Section 6: Council members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Council. Council members who are an employee or an elected public official of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.

Section 7: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Council shall be provided by the Office of Disability Affairs, Office of the Governor.

Section 8: Executive Orders No. JBE 16-10 issued on April 7, 2016, and No. JBE 2020-7 issued on March 3, 2020 are hereby terminated.

Section 9: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Council in implementing the provisions of this Order.

Section 10: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of March, 2024.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE