

MINUTES OF THE EDI BOARD MEETING  
9/25/08 (September)

Board Attendees: Mark, Blane, Don, Winston, Jonah, Charles, John (6:37), Peter (6:39)

Other Attendees: Leslie and Gina (EDI Co-Executive Directors), Bruce Birkett, (Board Consultant), Rayne (Assistant to Leslie)

The meeting came to order at 6:33

Public Comment: Charles said that he had seen Roy and was surprised that no one had informed him he was not elected to the Board. Charles told Roy. Blane said that he had tried a couple of times and got no answer.

Charles said that he was resigning from the Board; that four years was enough and that he had nothing left to offer. He agreed to keep the Board informed about what was going on with the Ed Roberts campus. The Board members thanked Charles and he left.

Jonah wished the Board success.

Peter said that perhaps EDI could get a plaque for Charles.

John said he would be leaving at 7:30.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of August minutes was postponed until October.

Approval of Agenda: It was decided to suspend the agenda in order for Bruce Birkett to conduct an examination of EDI's plans. A write-up of the Co-Executive Directors report was to be distributed and contained the following information:

Two new male attendants were hired, one terminated. One male attendant is leaving the country for awhile and may return, and a driver may return, as well.

One female attendant sustained an injury and did not file a claim, but all policies were followed.

The ED's plan to sign a contract with a new Case Manager who used to be a popular EDI attendant. The individual is working with Cal's Disabled Student Program doing the same kind of work. The former Case Manager is expected to return all the case files on Monday, although she seems a bit hostile.

A new assistant, who seems very well qualified, was hired for Gina.

Discussions continue with the City of Berkeley regarding replacing the lift on the van or purchase of a new van. A meeting has been scheduled for the middle of October with Gloria Ocampo, EDI's City contract monitor. Wilhelmina suggested that a pre-meeting be held to frame a firm plan of what EDI wants to request.

Gina is working with EDI's insurance broker to renew the liability insurance.

EDI is changing dental plans for a similar plan that costs a lot less.

EDI collaborated with CIL and shared a table at the Solano Stroll. Peter represented EDI. Leslie and Rayne revised the old brochure.

The ED's have been working hard with consultants Bruce and Mary to clarify their roles.

At 6:50 P.M., Jonah moved, Don seconded and the Board unanimously moved to go into Executive Session, inviting all attendees. In Executive Session, Bruce made opening remarks, Gina and Leslie updated their position regarding restructuring the executive staff, and Bruce led a facilitated discussion regarding the next steps for EDI where the Board looked at where EDI wanted to be in three years.

Jonah brought up and a brief discussion was held regarding possible solutions to a problem with a client.

At 9:18 P.M., the Board left Executive Session.

Disabled Lawyer Search: Don moved, Peter seconded, and Wendy was unanimously hired as EDI's attorney.

Board Elections: Don moved, Jonah seconded, and all current Board members were unanimously elected for another year.

Mentoring Karen Phung: Jonah moved, Peter seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that Gina would mentor Karen Phung.

At 9:40 P.M., Mark moved, Jonah seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.