

Sarah Michaud  
Council Chair

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**New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council**

Special Council Meeting  
September 16th, 2025, 1pm

This meeting will be in person at DVR, 10510 Research Rd. SE, Suite 800  
Albuquerque, NM 87123 and over Zoom (link at end of agenda).

I. Call to Order & Introductions of the Council

Called to order @ 1:06 PM

Sarah Michaud - Present

Mariah Regan - Present

Paula Seanez - Present

Peggy Hayes - Present

Marlencia Chee - Present

Keneth D Collins - Present

Rachel Minar- Present

Lisa McNiven (Non-Voting) - Present

Juan Haro (Non-Voting) - Present

Dr. Stephon L. Scott (Non-Voting) - Present

Kathy Cooper (Executive Director, Non-Voting) - Present

II. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes – Action Item

Paula Seanez motions to approve the agenda without August minutes (pending revisions and additional substance).

Roll call vote:

Unanimously approved

III. Approval of Proposed Bylaws Updates – Action Item

Marlencia Chee withdraws motion from prior meeting that included amendments to her original motion.

Chair recognized withdrawal of motion.

Marlencia Chee motions to approve bylaws updates as drafted by the Bylaw Committee.

Mariah Regan Seconds

Discussion is held centering on membership requirements and residency language.

Amendment added by Dr. Stephon L. Scott: residency requirements to apply prospectively to new members only.

Marlencia Chee motions to approve with amendment.

Mariah Regan Seconds

Paula Seanez would like to see other amendments made to the Bylaws.

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Michaud - Yes

Mariah Regan - Yes

Paula Seanez - No

Kenneth D. Collins - Yes

Peggy Hayes - No

Marlencia Chee - Yes

Rachel Minard - No

Approved (4-3)

#### IV. Approval of Proposed Policy Updates – Action Item

Paula Seanez motions to table until the board can further review and discuss.

Peggy Hayes Seconds

Discussion is held regarding the sufficient time given to review the Policy Updates and action is appropriate.

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Michaud - No

Mariah Regan- No

Paula Seanez - Yes

Kenneth D. Collins - Yes

Peggy Hayes - Yes

Marlencia Chee - No

Rachel Minard – Yes

Approved (4-3)

The drafting of policies will go back to the Bylaws Committee. Input and recommendations are due to the committee before 5:00 PM on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- VI. Public Comment (3 minute limit)  
Lisa McNiven provides comment  
Paula Seanez provides comment

- VII. Adjournment  
Paula Seanez motions to adjourn

Marlencia Chee Seconds

Adjourned @ 2:05 PM

- VIII. Next Meeting – November 12th, 2025-Location TBD