New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

Regular Meeting

July 2, 2026, 10:00 AM

New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
10510 Research Rd. SE, Suite 800
Albuquerque, NM 87123

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Dr. Seanez called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Roll was taken, and members physically present were Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Dr. Stephon Scott, and Greg Trapp. Members present over Zoom were Marlencia Chee, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser. Rachel Minnaar was absent.

2. Introduction of Guests, Partners, and Independent Living Network Members

Guests present included Leslie Wright, Chief Financial Officer, San Juan Center for Independence; Audra Wilson, Director, Choice's Center for Independent Living; Charlie Phelps, Director, San Juan Center for Independence; Sarah Michaud, Executive Director, New Vistas; Jim Salas, Deputy Director, Commission for the Blind (CFB); Samantha Rendon, Interim Deputy Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); Raven Macias, DVR; Elaine Jaramillo, DVR IT; Audrey Trujillo, CFB IT; Alvin Romo, DVR IT; Annabele Mora; Natasha Blickenstaff; Joan Curtiss; Cristy Love, ASL Interpreter; and Demaree Espinoza, ASL Interpreter.

3. Consideration and/or approval of changes to the Order of the agenda

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

4. Approval of minutes of April 29, 2026

Dr. Seanez asked if all members reviewed the draft minutes from April 29, 2026. The members took some time to review and propose changes. The Chair stated that Raven Macias had prepared minutes, and that Kathy Cooper and Sarah Michaud added Track Changes to the minutes. She indicated that the Track Changes to the minutes would be accepted.

Mr. Murphy asked that the minutes reflect that "CMS did not require EVV Checkout for live in personal assistance."

Mr. Trapp suggested that the word "Agenda" be replaced with "minutes" and followed by "final" in parentheses to show the minutes have been approved. He said the minutes need to Indicate who is a member and who is a guest. He said the minutes should also identify the members attending in person and the members attending virtually. He said the bylaws do not allow for proxies, and that the minutes should be changed to show that Samantha Rendon is a guest and that Dr. Stephon Scott was absent. He said Lisa McNiven was a voting member and should be shown to be absent. He said “Peggy Seanez” needs to be changed to “Peggy Hayes.”

Dr. Seanez clarified who was abstaining and who voted in the votes to approve the minutes of November 15, 2023, and February 21, 2024.

Michael Murphy said he abstained from the vote to approve the minutes of November 15, 2023, and February 21, 2024.

Dr. Seanez agreed that the draft minutes, SILC members at meeting need to be specified correctly. She said to add under policy update that the Chair said the policies were not content neutral and not constitutional.

Mr. Trapp said the Chair should physically sign the minutes or add statement showing the minutes have been electronically signed and are the final approved minutes. He said it was important that the approved and final minutes can be identified. He recommended that the minutes be modified to say that they were electronically signed by the Chair on July 2, 2026. He said the final version of the minutes should also be posted on the SILC webpage.

Bernadine Chavez motioned to approve the April 29,2026 Minutes with the changes noted. Peggy Hayes seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser Voting in favor. Marlencia Chee said she was not at the meeting and abstained. Dr. Stephon Scott and Greg Trapp are ex officio and did not vote

5. The State of the SILC - Chair, Paula Seanez, Ph.D.

Dr. Seanez said she was appointed by the Governor on June 4, 2026, and she provided a brief update on the state of the SILC. She acknowledged the new members of the SILC: Bernadine Chavez, new member representing individual with a disability*;* Greg Trapp, appointed as ex officio and representing the CFB Lisa McNiven representing individual with a disability; and Cody Unser, representing individual with a disability. Dr. Seanez asked about Rachel Minnaar, saying Information sent to her email has been returned.

Dr. Seanez said the Disability Revolution contract ended on June 30, 2026. She said Ms. Cooper is no longer the Executive Director or SILC Coordinator. Dr. Seanez said the contract will be discussed under Item 8 on the agenda. She said she requested that Ms. Cooper provide her with all documentation and information for the previous 2 years. Dr. Seanez said a thumb drive was submitted to DVR.

Dr. Seanez said the SILC must address the 4 violations of the Open Meetings Act outlined in the New Mexico Department of Justice Disposition Letter that came out on December 3, 2025. She said the agenda includes the actions necessary to respond to the Disposition Letter. She said it is also critical that the SILC review the current State Plan for Independent Living. She said it is the responsibility of the SILC to review and monitor the State Plan for Independent Living.

6. SILC Membership and Committee Assignments

Dr. Seanez encouraged the SILC members to review the bylaws. She reviewed the committees under the current SILC bylaws. She said there are two committees currently; the Executive Committee and the Membership and Outreach committee, and that at least two-thirds of the members must be voting members. She said the bylaws say that the Chair will establish ad hoc committees when deemed necessary by the Chair, by the general membership, and by the Executive Committee. Dr. Seanez recommended to establish a bylaw committee to review and update current bylaws. She said the definition of a quorum needs to be addressed along with other areas that need revisions.

Ms. Hayes asked if the Membership Committee was still needed, and Dr. Seanez said the Membership Committee could review vacancies and reach out to persons who may be interested in serving.

Ms. Chavez recommended that a bylaws committee be created, saying that one issue was the quorum and that the SILC needed to be sure that the committees do not create a quorum and a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Chavez said she would be willing to be on a bylaws committee. Peggy Hayes and Dr. Scott also agreed to be on the bylaws committee.

Mr. Trapp said The SILC needs to be careful not to form a quorum, and that under the current bylaws a quorum could be created if it had three voting members.

Ms. Chee said she could step down from the bylaws committee and be on a different committee.

Dr. Seanez said she would appoint Ms. Chavez, Ms. Hayes, and Dr. Scott to the bylaws committee.

Dr. Seanez said it was the SILC responsibility to monitor the State Independent Living Plan. She said a committee may need to be formed and can be discussed under item #20

7. Election of SILC Vice Chair

Dr. Seanez said since she is now the Chair the Vice-Chair position is vacant. Dr. Seanez called for nominations for the Vice-Chair position, and Ms. Hayes nominated Bernadine Chavez for Vice chair. Dr. Seanez called three times for other nomination.

A motioned was made by Peggy Hayes to close nominations and approve Ms. Chavez as Vice-Chair by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Michael Murphy. A roll call vote was taken, and Ms. Chavez was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair, with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser Voting yes.

8. Discussion of SILC Coordinator Contract

Dr. Seanez said the SILC needs to assess what the needs are for a coordinator and how to move forward on a coordinator after the assessment. Dr. Seanez said DVR has used a Procurement Code waiver for the past two years, but the waiver was not appropriately used. She said the next contract will need to follow the Procurement Code. Dr. Seanez said the last contract ended on June 30, 2026. She said Raven Macias has been identified to assist the SILC with administrative matters. Dr. Seanez said she has been working closely with Raven on the legal notices, postings, and minutes.

Ms. Chavez asked what duties a contractor would perform, if there was money in the budget, and if a contractor was necessary. She also asked about who would submit federal reports.

Dr. Scott said the waiver was intended for vocational rehabilitation services, and that the contractor has to provide direct services. He said that was not being done in this case, and that DVR wanted to make sure it was in compliance with state and federal procurement codes. He said that DVR is now providing administrative support on minutes, scheduling meetings, postings, and is collaborating with the SILC Chair with respect to reporting to ACL. He asked Samantha Rendon to read the Scope of Work in the Disability Revolution contract, which Ms. Rendon proceeded to read.

Ms. Chavez said it was her recommendation that the SILC look at the duties of the contractor to see if that scope of work was what the SILC wanted.

Dr. Seanez said she would consider an ad hoc committee to look at the contract, stressing that the committee could only have two voting members. She emphasized that any contract would follow the Procurement Code.

Dr. Scott said DVR stands ready to assist the SILC, and that whenever the SILC assesses the need DVR will move forward accordingly.

Ms. Chee said Coby Livingstone had recommended a contractor when the SILC membership was only her and Ms. Livingstone, and that they needed a lot of help at that time.

9. Discussion of New Mexico Department of Justice (NMDOJ) Open Meetings Act Disposition Letter

Dr. Seanez said a Disposition Letter was issued by the New Mexico Department of Justice on December 3, 2025. She said The Disposition Letter was emailed to all SILC members. She said she hoped the members had read the Disposition Letter. She said the SILC talked about some of this at the April 29 meeting, but that she wanted to give the SILC more background as the SILC will be voting to comply with the findings. Dr. Seanez read the 4 violations contained in the Disposition Letter:

Violation 1: Meeting Minutes: To address the violation discussed in Section II(d), our office requires: (1) minutes of the next meeting that reflect a corrective statement that provides a summary of the OMA violations, along with evidence of a vote on the draft minutes, (2) SILC draft meeting minutes, that comply with the requirements set forth in Section 10-15-1(G), for its January 31, 2024, and March 4, 2024, meetings and approve, amend, or disapprove the meeting minutes at SILC's next public meeting, and (3) if not already done so, SILC should approve, amend, or disapprove its November 15, 2023, and February 21, 2024, meeting minutes

Violation 2: SILC's August 21, 2024, Agenda Item: To address this violation our office requires minutes that illustrate the corrective statement that provides a summary of the OMA violation and a clear explanation of what the August 21, 2024, agenda item should have been identified as to comply with OMA.

Violation 3: SILC's March 4, 2024, Meeting Agenda Posting: To address this violation our office requires: (1) a corrective statement that provides a summary of the OMA violation,

and (2) a re-vote of any final actions taken at the meeting.
Violation 4: SILC's June 10, 2024, Meeting: To address this violation our office requires: (1) a corrective statement that provides a summary of the OMA violation, and (2) a re-vote for the agenda item listed as "Discussion and vote to approve and have Chair sign the most recent State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) draft."

Dr. Seanez said it was incumbent on the SILC to address the violations and provide the documentation to the New Mexico Department of Justice.

Ms. Regan said she thought she had voted at the April meeting to comply and that the SILC did not have to do more corrective action.

Dr. Seanez said that the March 4 minutes and January 31 minutes were not addressed at the April meeting.

Mr. Trapp said he really appreciated Mariah's question. He said that one of the violations that Dr. Seanez read was Violation 2, which he said was addressed at the April meeting. He said that violations 3 and 4 were not addressed at the April meeting, and that Violation 1 was only partially addressed.

10. Discussion and clarification of legal counsel representation of SILC for NMDOJ Disposition Letter

Dr. Seanez said that Attorney, Peter Ives attended the meeting on April 29, 2026. She clarified that while Mr. Ives submitted a response to the Disposition Letter on December 26, 2025, the SILC did not vote to hire or accept legal representation.

Ms. Hayes asked if Mr. Ives was paid, and Dr. Seanez said it was reported at the April meeting that he was providing his services pro bono. Dr. Seanez said Ms. Cooper signed an Engagement Letter with Mr. Ives that was authorized via email by Ms. Michaud in December of 2025.

Mr. Murphy asked for clarification about the Engagement Agreement and whether it was just for an opinion or to actually represent the SILC.

Dr. Seanez read the Engagement Agreement, which said it was to provide "advice and counsel in connection with responding to complaint alleging various allegations related to the Open Meetings Act as set forth in a letter dated December 3, 2025 from the New Mexico Department of Justice." Dr. Seanez said Ms. Cooper signed the letter as Executive Director on 12/19/25.

Mr. Murphy said it was more of an opinion than representation, and Mr. Phelps from the San Juan Center agreed it was an opinion.

Dr. Seanez said that the version she had was not signed by Mr. Ives, but that there might be a signed version out there. She said that Mr. Ives was at the SILC meeting on April 29, and that he said he was representing the SILC. She said that Mr. Ives submitted a letter to the Attorney General's office that is responding to the Disposition Letter, and that the letter disagreed with some of the four violations. The documents submitted by Mr. Ives was not shared with or approved by the SILC.

Ms. Chavez said since the SILC did not approve to hire Mr. Ives to represent the SILC, her recommendation was to sever the relationship and to let the New Mexico Department of Justice know that, and to know that the SILC was working to comply with the Disposition Letter.

Dr. Scott said he agreed with Ms. Chavez, and that he thought it was in the best interest of the SILC to come into compliance with the New Mexico Department of Justice Disposition Letter.

Dr. Seanez said this item was on the agenda to be transparent.

no ongoing representation, and since the SILC did not meet to discuss the representation, the SILC did not take action. He said the item clarifies that there is no longer representation taking place.

Dr. Seanez said the SILC meeting today will respond to the 4 findings of OMA violations contained in the NM DOJ Disposition letter. Dr. Seanez will address this in the letter to NM DOJ.

11. Approval of Overall SILC Plan to comply with the spirit and intent of the Open Meetings Act

Dr. Seanez discussed the importance of the SILC complying with the spirit and intent of the Open Meetings Act. She reviewed the following plan and assurances.

•The SILC will fully comply with the New Mexico Department of Justice Disposition Letter Dated December 3, 2025, NMDOJ- 202502- 01737

•The SILC will request an Open Meetings Act training from the New Mexico Department of Justice.

•All SILC members will abide by the Open Meetings Act, and the SILC will distribute the New Mexico Open Meetings Act to all current and future SILC members.

•The SILC will review its current Open Meetings Act Resolution and will revise it to make it a model of OMA compliance. The SILC will adopt a new model Open Meetings Act resolution at its next meeting.

•The SILC will at least annually adopt a new Open Meetings Act Resolution.

•The SILC Open Meetings Act Resolution will determine what notice is reasonable for the SILC, and the SILC will comply with that determination.

•The SILC will ensure that all future agendas provide adequate notice to the public as to the action to be taken.

•The SILC will avoid using abbreviations, jargon, or acronyms on future agendas, and is abbreviations or acronyms are used they will be fully spelled out on the agenda at the first usage.

•All agendas for special and regular meetings will be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

•The SILC will ensure that a physical location is provided for all future meetings, and that virtual SILC meetings are not held unless there is a state of public emergency.

•The SILC will provide information on how to participate virtually on all meeting notices and agendas for meetings in which there is an option to participate virtually.

•The SILC will create accurate draft minutes that will clearly indicate that the minutes are drafted. The final approved minutes will clearly indicate that the minutes are final and will contain either an electronic signature or a physical signature. Both draft and final minutes will be posted on the SILC web page.

•The SILC will ensure that for meetings where virtual access is provided, or where members participate remotely, that all attending can hear and identify those speaking. The SILC will pause meetings should connectivity problems prevent such hearing or identification.

•The SILC currently has bylaws that say a quorum is a majority of the voting members present, meaning that a quorum can be created with as few as three voting members. SILC members will therefore not discuss SILC business if three or more members are gathered since that will create a quorum under the current bylaws.
•The SILC will discuss the bylaws at a future meeting and consider revising the definition of a quorum. Because it is possible to create a rolling quorum through the exchanging of messages or email, SILC members will not engage in conversations through email, text, messaging, or other methods that could create a rolling quorum.
•SILC members will not conduct SILC business outside of a properly noticed public meeting.
•The SILC will otherwise comply with the spirit and intent of the Open Meetings Act

Ms. Regan asked about Kathy Cooper, saying this was the first meeting she attended where Ms. Cooper was not present.

Dr. Seanez said she discussed this issue earlier under item five. Dr. Seanez said she is now the Chair, that the contract with Ms. Cooper and Disability Revolutions ended on June 30, and that the SILC will assess the need for a SILC coordinator.

Ms. Regan said she did hear that, but that she had not put two and two together.

Ms. Chavez motioned to approve the plan as outlined and discussed, and Ms. Hayes seconded the motion.

Mr. Trapp said that the Disposition Letter calls for corrective statements to comply with the Open Meetings Act. He said the statement under consideration is for the SILC to agree to comply with the Open Meetings Act, including the spirit and intent of the law. He said that the SILC can refer back to the statement that was just adopted and that it would all tie together.

Dr. Seanez took a roll call vote, and the motion was approved with Dr. Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

12. Approval of Corrective Statement and Summary of Open Meetings Act Violations at the State Plan for Independent Living Public Forum Held on January 31, 2024

Dr. Seanez said that the members should have received copies of the draft minutes of January 31, 2024. She said the January 31, 2024 meeting was a meeting where a quorum was present and public business was discussed. She said the SILC membership specifically discussed the State Plan for Independent Living, what independent living services are working, what are the existing independent living service gaps, what independent living services should be provided if the state had unlimited funds, what organizations the Independent Living Network should partner with, and how independent living information can be distributed. Dr. Seanez said this makes the January 31, 2024, meeting a public meeting requiring compliance with all the notice, agenda, and minutes requirements of the Open Meetings Act. She said the SILC needs to comply with the spirit and intent of the Open Meetings Act as its corrective statement as indicated in item 11.

Ms. Regan asked if the non-compliance was because the SILC did not publicize the agendas, minutes, and did not invite the public to the physical address of the meeting.

Dr. Seanez said that the meeting was not announced as a SILC meeting and that the SILC needs to comply with the Open Meetings Act by providing the legal notice, providing minutes, and posting the agenda.

Mr. Trapp said the statement adopted in item 11 of the agenda was the corrective statement. He said that Dr. Seanez summarized the violation, which was at the January 11 meeting there were three voting SILC members present which constitutes a quorum under the current SILC bylaws, and that business was discussed at the meeting. He said if business is discussed at a public meeting where a quorum is present then that public body must follow the Open Meetings Act requirements with respect to notice and creating and approving of minutes that document the action taken.

Ms. Hayes motioned to approve the January 31, 2024, corrective statements for the SPIL public forum on January 31, 2024, as approved by the SILC in item 11 of the agenda. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Dr. Seanez took a roll call vote, and the motion was approved with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

13. Approval of Minutes of State Plan for Independent Living Public Forum held on January 31, 2024

Dr. Seanez said that the minutes for the meeting of January 31, 2024, need to be approved since it was a meeting with a quorum present. She said the minutes were based on the recording of the meeting, and need to be submitted in response to the Disposition Letter.

Peggy Hayes motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January 31, 2024. Ms. Regan seconded the motion.

There was discussion about the minutes, and Ms. McNiven said that she did not recall being at the meeting, and Mr. Trapp said at the end of the recording Ms. McNiven spoke and thanked her interpreters.

Ms. Regan said she thought that the persons present at the meeting could vote because the persons present were voting to comply with what was not complied with in the past, and Mr. Trapp agreed.

Dr. Seanez took a roll call vote, and the motion was approved with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

14. Approval of Corrective Statement and Summary of the Open Meetings Act Violations at the State Plan for Independent Living Drafting Meeting Held on March 4, 2024

Dr. Seanez said that the brief minutes of the March 4, 2024, meeting were sent to the SILC members.

Mr. Trapp said public business was discussed at a meeting where a quorum was present, specifically the drafting of the State Plan for Independent Living. This makes the March 4 meeting a public meeting requiring compliance with all the notice, agenda, and minutes requirements of the OMA. He said the summary of the violation was that business was discussed at a meeting where a quorum was present, and that the corrective statement is the adoption of item 11.

Ms. Hayes asked if it was a regularly scheduled meeting, and Mr. Trapp said another violation was the failure to meet the 72-hour posting requirement.

Ms. Reagan asked who the responsibility falls upon, and Dr. Seanez said it was the SILC Executive Director but that it will now be herself and Raven.

Mr. Trapp responded further to Ms. Regan's question, saying that she keeps asking really good questions. He said under the Open Meetings Act the responsibility falls on all of us as members. He said under the Open Meetings Act it is public officials who have to comply with the Open Meetings Act, and all of us who are appointed by the Governor are public officials. He said that means that we have to make sure that the people who are working on our behalf are doing what is needed to make sure we are in compliance. He said the Chair will compile information showing that the SILC is in compliance and send it to the New Mexico Department of Justice.

Ms. Regan said she Googled SILC and found the January 31 and March 4 minutes on the SILC web page, and Mr. Trapp said that was because they were posted there due to the action being taken today. He said that the minutes should have been posted in the order in which they were presented. He said he recommends that they be changed so as to appear in the order in which they were acted on.

Ms. Hayes motioned to approve the corrective statements for the meeting held on January 31, 2024, as approved by the SILC in item 11 of the agenda. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Dr. Seanez took a roll call vote, and the motion was approved with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

15. Approval of Minutes of State Plan for Independent Living Drafting Meeting Held on March 4, 2024

Dr. Seanez said the draft minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2024 were very brief, and she read the minutes. After reading the minutes she asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Ms. Hayes motioned to approve the March 4, 2024, minutes which was the meeting held to draft the State Plan for Independent Living. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.

Mr. Trapp said he wanted to be sure that the minutes accurately captured those who were present at the meeting. He said the SILC was trying to cure the violation, and that he thought the business that was discussed was reasonably accurate. He said there was a recording of the January 31 meeting, so it was possible to know that there was no vote taken. He said there was no recording of the March 4 meeting, and no contemporaneous notes. He asked if those who were there knew if a vote was taken.

Audra Wilson said she was there, but that she did not recall a vote being taken. She said she thought it was just discussion.

Mr. Trapp said he would like Peggy and Michael to amend the motion and second to add language to the minutes saying that no vote was taken, and Michael and Peggy agreed.

Ms. Chee said she thought this was around the time when the SILC was just getting started, and that she did not think they had anything to vote on and that they were just starting again to meet in person.

Mr. Trapp said that according to the meeting notice the meeting was only held virtually, which was another Open Meetings Act Violation. He told Ms. Chee that he thought she was probably remembering the February 21 meeting, which he said was held in person. He said the meeting notice and agenda were included as an attachment because they show that the meeting was only held virtually, and public bodies are supposed to meet in person.

Dr. Seanez took a roll call vote on the motion, and the motion was approved with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

Dr. Seanez said the SILC would take a 15 minute break for lunch. She asked that notice of the 15 minute break be posted on Zoom saying that the SILC would reconvene at 12:23 PM.

16. Approval of Corrective Statement and Summary of Open Meeting Act Violations of the SILC Meeting Held on June 10, 2024

Dr. Seanez said this item was to provide a corrective statement and summary of the Open Meetings Act violations of the SILC meeting held on June 10, 2024. Dr. Seanez reminded the SILC that everyone must identify themselves when speaking. She said the Open Meetings Act requires that all members need to be identified and be able to be heard while speaking, that all participants are able to hear each other at the same time, and that members of the public are also able to hear any members of the public body who speak during the meeting. Dr. Seanez said that the SILC allowed people to participate over Zoom but did not place information on how the public could participate over Zoom on the meeting notice or on the agenda.

Mr. Trapp said that what the SILC is experiencing today is very different from what happened at the June 10 meeting in terms of how people can hear each other. He said The SILC has the right kind of meeting technology today. He said the SILC has two meeting Owls and that each Meeting Owl has an external microphone. He said that creates four microphones for what is a fairly small table. He said the SILC is making sure that people can hear each other. Mr. Trapp said the technology allows people to participate virtually, and that the Meeting Owls are working great. He said that remote participation is allowed when it is difficult or impossible for members to attend in person. He said that the expectation of the New Mexico Department of Justice is that members will attend in person unless they are unable to attend in person for some specific reason. Mr. Trapp said that there was just a single laptop at the June 10 meeting. He said what the SILC is doing today is what should happen going forward.

Ms. Regan motion to approve the corrective statement and summary of the OMA Violations for the SILC meeting held on June 10, 2024, as approved by the SILC in item 11 of the agenda. Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. Dr. Seanez took a roll call vote on the motion, and the motion was approved with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

17. Discussion of Federal fiscal Year 2025-2027 State Plan for Independent Living

Dr. Seanez opened up the discussion regarding the FFY 2025 to 2027 State Plan for Independent Living and amendments that may need to be made. Dr. Seanez said the SPIL made two significant changes, but those changes were not discussed at either the January 31, 2024 Public Forum meeting or the March 4, 2024 SPIL drafting meeting. She said that the federal SPIL Instrument and Instructions say that States are required to gather public input prior to its submission and on any revisions to the approved state plan before drafting the SPIL. She said the regulations say that the State Plan for Independent Living is jointly developed by the chairperson of the SILC, and the CILs, after receiving public input from individuals with disabilities and other stakeholders throughout the State. She said the regulations further say that the SPIL must be signed by the Chairperson of the SILC, acting on behalf of and at the direction of the SILC. She said the SPIL is also signed by the director of the designated state entity and by at least 51% of the CIL directors.

Dr. Seanez said the changes removed $62,500 in Part B funds that the Commission for the Blind (CFB) had received over the past 35 years. She said the receipt of the $62,500 in Part B funds enabled the CFB to spend the CFB's Social Security reimbursement funds on persons younger than 55, ultimately enabling the CFB and DVR to leverage approximately $750,000 in federal vocational rehabilitation funds. She said that the DVR had been providing the centers for independent living with approximately $500,000 in Social Security reimbursement funds since about 2018, and that the State Plan for Independent Living increased that amount to $945,000. She said that these changes were not publicly discussed, meaning that they were not vetted as they should have been. She said that DVR is no longer able to spend as much Social Security reimbursement funds on services for vocational rehabilitation consumers. She said there are several ways this could negatively impact on DVR, including the amount of Social Security reimbursement funds that DVR could generate.

Ms. Chee said during the break she found her notes, and that the March 4 meeting was for an Open Meetings Act training. She said that the persons present included Nathan Adams, Michelle Bowdon, Kathy Cooper, former DVR director, Casey Stone Romero, and herself.

Dr. Seanez said she was going by what was posted on the DVR website, which was where legal notices were posted. She said it was a meeting and not a training according to the DVR website.

Mr. Trapp said there might have been another meeting on that same day. He asked Mr. Salas to talk about his recollection of the March 4 meeting.

Mr. Salas said it was his recollection that it was the SPIL development process. He said it was not a training, and that Michelle Bowdon was not there.

Mr. Trapp said it was possible that two meetings were scheduled for March 4, 2024, but everything that we know says that there was a SPIL drafting meeting held on March 4, 2024. He said Michelle Bowdon might have been providing training on the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Trapp said he wanted to emphasize the need for us all to collaborate and to work together cooperatively. He said he had been a prior SILC member for many years, and that the CFB used to be one of the two designated state entities. He said that before 2017 the CFB and the DVR were the two designated state entities. He said he has made the CFB's independent living program a priority and that he wants to work cooperatively and collaboratively with the centers for independent living. He said we want to make sure that we as the state are doing everything that we can do to maximize the available resources. He said he wants to provide information for the SILC to make an informed decision, and that we did not have that opportunity in 2024. He said the CFB has received Part B funds for over 35 years, and that those funds are necessary for the CFB to spend its own Social Security reimbursement funds on independent living services. He said the CFB provides the five core independent living services, information and referral, skills training, peer counseling, advocacy, and transition. He said the $62,000 in Part B funds allowed the CFB to turn the $62,000 into over $750,000 in benefit to DVR and the CFB.

Mr. Trapp said he totally understands that it is the SILC that makes the decision with respect to the state plan, and that the CFB totally understands that a majority of the centers for independent living have to sign off on the state plan. He said it was a real shock when Jim Salas read the SPIL after it had been posted and saw that the CFB's Part B funds had been taken away. He said our initial reaction was that it had been a typo because the CFB had received those funds for 35 years. Mr. Trapp said he was President of the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind, and that there are eleven other agencies that receive Part B funds.

Mr. Trapp said the CFB presented a compromise at the May 15, 2024, meeting, which was that the CFB's amount of Part B funds be reduced from about $65,000 to roughly $45,000. He said they talked about how the CFB would really work with the centers, and possibly even share some of the CFB's Social security reimbursement funds with the centers for independent living. He said the CFB would be providing assistive technology and other supports to the centers, and he said the CFB still wants to be able to do that. Mr. Trapp said there is disagreement as to exactly what the May 15 vote was, but that the CFB thought the compromise would be approved at the June 10 meeting. He said the CFB was in shock when the compromise was not approved at the June 10 meeting.

Mr. Trapp said he later talked with Casey Stone-Romero to try to come up with another solution. He said he proposed a well-crafted solution that ensures existing Part B funding allocations for the centers remain fully intact. He said the solution was to amend the State Plan for Independent Living, and that DVR would basically end up splitting the $19,000 that DVR is receiving to act as the designated state entity. He said it would have given the CFB $9,600 in Part B funds, which would have been enough for the CFB to spend Social Security reimbursement funds on persons younger than 55 who are blind or have low vision. He said most of those persons also have disabilities in addition to blindness. He said he thought it was a win, win, win, win solution where everyone comes out ahead. He said the centers get their Part B funds and the CFB and DVR can continue to do their Social Security reimbursement fund leveraging. He said the SILC never got to hear that compromise proposal.

Mr. Trapp said everyone in the room are advocates for our programs and the people we serve. He expressed surprise that the straightforward $9,600 proposed solution was rejected, as he had fully anticipated its acceptance. He said at that point he had no other option than to file the complaint with the New Mexico Department of Justice. He said he had raised Open Meetings Act concerns throughout, including at the May 15 meeting. He said he pointed out that the agenda said vote to approve the SPIL, and that it did not give notice to the public as to the action to be taken. He said it was only after he pointed out that OMA violation that the SILC voted on the initial compromise. He said he thought it was important that he share this history, and that the $9,600 compromise can still work.

Mr. Trapp said the state has a problem in that we have all been spending money in ways that are based upon a plan that was adopted in ways that were not in keeping with the Open Meetings Act. He said that the Open Meetings Act says if a rule or any action is adopted not in compliance with the Open Meetings act, than the rule or action is not valid. He said under state law the SILC has a State Plan for Independent Living that is not valid, and that raises the issue of the validity of our own spending, including the validity of the CFB's spending.

Mr. Trapp said that the plan that was adopted allowed the CFB to receive the Part B funds for the first year of the plan. Mr. Trapp said the CFB's strategy was to carry over half of the FFY 25 Part B funds into FFY 26, and that would give us time to come up with a solution and to amend the state plan. He said the CFB is still spending the FFY 25 Part B funds, but as of October 1, that will come to a stop. He said that the ability of DVR and the CFB to leverage funds will also come to a stop on October 1.

Ms. Regan asked about the May 15 vote, saying that the minutes said the compromise was unanimously passed, and she asked Mr. Trapp to explain how that did not occur as he thought it should have.

Mr. Trapp said he thought the compromise had been reached at the May 15 meeting, but because there was the Open Meetings Act issue, he recommended that the SILC schedule a special meeting that would have the state plan placed on the agenda with sufficient specificity, meaning that the agenda would not use the acronym SPIL.

Ms. Regan asked if there was a special meeting scheduled, and Mr. Trapp said that was the June 10, 2024 meeting.

Ms. Hayes said that the May 15, 2024 vote was for the SPIL development team to go back to the center directors to see if they would accept the compromise to reduce the CFB's Part B funds from $65,000 to $45,000.

Ms. Michaud asked to be recognized, and she said that the vote was for the compromise to be taken back to the State Independent Living Plan work group to see if they would accept it. She said there was never any guarantee that it would be accepted. She said the center directors were unanimous in rejecting the compromise. She said that the reason the $9,600 splitting of administrative funds never went forward was because ACL said the administrative funds must stay with the DSE for administering the IL grant. She said that information was shared with Mr. Trapp, and that it was not the SILC's decision, it was the ACL guidance.

Mr. Trapp said that the CFB was discussing the issue with the Governor's office, and that the Governor's office sent an email to the former Executive Director and himself and encouraged the parties to arrive at a solution that benefited the greatest number of people while not depriving entities that had been historically receiving the funds. He said that spirit of compromise had not been brought to the SILC and the SILC never discussed the compromise. Responding to Ms. Michaud's point, Mr. Trapp said what was communicated to ACL was not what the CFB was asking. He said that the CFB absolutely recognized that DVR did not have the authority to give to the CFB any portion of the funds it was receiving to administer the program. He said what was communicated to ACL was that DVR would give to the CFB half of its Part B funds, and of course ACL said no. Mr. Trapp said what the CFB recommend was that the SIILC amend the SPIL, and that the SILC could decide to allocate the funds differently, and that the reallocation could decrease the amount given to DVR to act as the designated state entity. He said that should absolutely be allowable.

Mr. Phelps spoke about the March 4 meeting, saying he found an email that went out on February 28 that said nothing about a vote. He read the email, which said, "the goal is to have discussion on each section and consensus. Changes and additions can be made during this time. We will then put the agreed upon draft out for public comment for 30 days. Please review this ahead of time so we can get through of it on the 4th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This meeting is open to the public. However, it is not public participation. This is what the comment period is for." Mr. Phelps said there was a Zoom link, and it went out to all the center directors. He said there was not a vote taken and that there was not intended for a vote to be taken.

Mr. Phelps said secondly, he would like to have on the record that when the $19,000 was questioned and the CILs said we are not willing to give up the money because we have not received an increase in funds in years, we were threatened that if the $19,000 was not given to DVR and CFB, that it would just sit there and not be used.

Mr. Phelps said third, when we talk about collaboration, it does not happen because 100% of the time, and each director went on record saying this, which is not very often, at least not here in Farmington, because we don't have that many of those folks with that kind of disability, they, for one reason or another, they were turned down by the CFB, and that can be because it does not fit your grant, I understand that.

Mr. Trapp responded to Mr. Phelps, saying that the email that went out on February 28 is totally consistent with the action taken by the SILC today. The SILC recognized that no vote was taken at the March 4 meeting. Mr. Trapp said the violation was that there was a quorum of SILC members present and that business was discussed. He said that even though no vote was taken, there was still an Open Meetings Act Violation.

Mr. Trapp responded to Mr. Phelps third point, saying that the 100% issue had been brought up and caused the CFB to look at its case management system. He said the CFB went back over ten years and saw that there were 49 referrals from centers for independent living since 2010. Mr. Trapp said of that 49, the CFB opened a joint VR and IL case on 13 persons, an IL case on another ten persons, and a VR case on another 2 persons. Mr. Trapp said the CFB provided key services to the persons who did not have cases open, which would include magnifiers and other services. Mr. Trapp said that according to the CFB's federal reports, the CFB had opened VR or IL cases on over half of the persons referred, and that there were individuals who were successfully employed and closed, and that all of the individuals received services. Mr. Trapp said he had written to the center directors and that he had mentioned these statistics, and he said he wants to talk with the center directors about how we can make sure that we are making referrals appropriately – both ways. He said the CFB certainly refers people to the centers, and that the CFB recognizes the great work that the centers do and is grateful for that great work.

Mr. Trapp said that the Social Security program income that DVR is giving to the centers is because of recommendations that he made to DVR back in 2017 when DVR had an excess of program income and that he told DVR that they could give their program income to the centers for independent living. He said DVR was not giving any program income to the centers prior to that time. Mr. Trapp said that all of the program income that has been given to the centers is because he advocated for the centers to receive that program income. Mr. Trapp said the CFB calls Social Security reimbursement funds program income, and DVR calls it Ticket To Work funds. He said in 2024 the centers received $1.87 million in Social Security reimbursement funds. Mr. Trapp said that he was a strong advocate for the IL program, and that he thinks we should all collaborate and work together and advocate for additional funds to be given to the centers.

Mr. Phelps then asked Mr. Trapp to address the threat that we received.

Mr. Trapp said the CFB certainly did not make any threat. He said DVR was receiving $19,000 to administer the program, and that he did not know how that got communicated as a threat. He asked Dr. Scott to respond further.

Dr. Scott said he did not understand the notion of a threat being communicated or what that threat is. He said no funds were directed to go anywhere without the express permission of the SILC and the CILs. He said when he was appointed on August 18, 2025, he wrote to DFA saying that DVR would be acting in compliance with the law, and that includes the SPIL.

Ms. Rendon said the transfer was included in the budget, but that it would only occur if the State Plan for Independent Living was updated to permit the transfer.

Ms. Wilson said she also felt like she was threatened, and that if she did not do what the CFB that the $9,600 would just sit there and that nobody could use it.

Ms. Hayes said she has attended all of the meetings and that there was never any talk of threats.

Mr. Trapp said he certainly regret that it was somehow communicated as a threat. He said he honestly had no idea how that could have happened. He said his understanding all along was that $19,284 would go to DVR to cover their costs of administering the program and that it was allowable. He said that decision was made back in 2024 by the SPIL Development Committee. He said to his understanding that the money has gone to DVR, and he had no way of knowing how it would not go to DVR because that was what was in the State Plan for Independent Living. He said we are all governed by federal fiscal rules and that those rules are very complicated. He said for instance the Social Security reimbursement funds are considered federal financial assistance and are covered by federal fiscal rules. He said those rules require that VR funds not be used for non-VR purposes. He said that DVR has to have a Cost Allocation Plan that has to include how costs for things such as this SILC meeting will be covered, and that Dr. Scott's time would be broken up between the various federal grants and state funds, and that the $19,000 would go to DVR to act as the designated state entity (DSE). He said that the cost of acting as the DSE is a whole lot more than $19,000, which is why he thought that Casey Stone-Romero supported that some money to go to the CFB.

Dr. Scott said it is still DVR's position that DVR supports that amount to be reduced and go to the CFB. He said he is committed to collaborating and cooperating. He said he regretted that it may have been miscommunicated as a threat to the CILs, but that he knew for certain that it did not come from DVR and that he understood that it did not come from the CFB. He said the issue still remains that we must collaborate and that we must cooperate to see how we can leverage resources. He said he supports presenting a budget proposal to the legislature to increase funding for the CILs, but that agencies are sometimes directed to seek flat funding.

Mr. Trapp said that what Dr. Scott said was critical, which was how to leverage funds. He said the way that we have leveraged Social Security reimbursement funds has enabled DVR to give more money to the CILs. He said the $9,600 compromise enables DVR and the CFB to leverage funds because DVR and the CFB have a program income transfer that enables DVR to generate about $270,000 in additional federal funds. He said that if that is taken away, which is what is going to happen on October 1, then DVR is going to need to make up that $270,000, and that could be that they would spend more of their program income on VR services. He said the $9,600 is the key to leveraging funds that he thinks is ultimately going to benefit the centers for independent living vastly more than the $9,600.

Mr. Trapp said that the legislature strongly supports this program income transfer. He said he had intended it to be a one-time thing back in 2017. He said DVR had an excess of program income and that the law requires that program income be spent before other federal funds can be drawn. He said DVR came to him and asked what could be done, which is when he said DVR can give some of that to the centers for independent living. Mr. Trapp said DVR still had some program income left over, so he said DVR could transfer $200,000 to the CFB and in turn the CFB would transfer $100,000 in general funds back to DVR, and that DVR could use that $100,000 to match $370,000 in VR funds. Mr. Trapp noted that $200,000 of the funds could be utilized to reallocate an equivalent amount in state funding, while the remaining $100,000 would serve as a matching grant to secure $370,000 in Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) funding for the CFB. He added that the Legislative Finance Committee has strongly supported this arrangement, maintaining it for the past eight years. He said it is in everybody's best interest to make sure that funds are spent in a way that is the most efficient, the most effective, and that benefits the most people. He said the proposed amendment would allow the CFB and DVR to continue to do this program income leveraging. He said it is five wins when the taxpayers are considered. He said without the Part B funds the CFB would need to go to the legislature to seek more funds to serve people younger than 55.

Mr. Murphy said before 2017 the CILs were receiving general funds. He said that the only time when the CILs got an increase was when a DVR director was able to get the legislature to give an increase to DVR and the CILs. Mr. Murphy said that until the five unserved counties are served, he is not willing to give up any money to a state agency when we haven't got the money to fully serve the state.

18. Approval of Federal fiscal Year 2025-2027 State Plan for Independent Living with discussion and vote to approve and have Chair sign the most recent State Plan for Independent Living

Dr. Seanez read Violation 4 from the Disposition Letter. She said the Disposition Letter is requiring the SILC to revote on the State Plan for Independent Living for Federal Fiscal Years 2025 to 2027.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the FFY 2025 to 2027 State Plan for Independent Living and have the Chair sign the most recent SPIL. Ms. Hayes seconded the motion.

Dr. Seanez asked if there was further discussion, and Mr. Trapp said that the state was in the position where CFB spending, DVR spending, and CIL spending was potentially not allowable. He said that approving the state plan is a way to make sure that spending is allowable. Mr. Trapp said the SILC was effectively ratifying what was already in place.

Mr. Trapp responded to Mr. Murphy's comments, saying he understands the need to fund the centers. Mr. Trapp said that in California the centers for independent living receive $27 million in Social Security reimbursement funds. Mr. Trapp said that the reimbursement funds were a hugely valuable source of funding for the centers. He said that DVR will ultimately have less money available to transfer to the centers if the state plan is not amended in a way that would allow the CFB to receive Part B funds. Mr. Trapp said that Mr. Murphy said he would not vote to give money to a state agency, but Mr. Trapp said that the SILC did that when the SILC voted to give $19,000 in Part B funds to DVR. Mr. Trapp said that was money that the CFB had received for 35 years. He added that he is not asking that money be taken away from any of the CILs. He said he is asking that money be shared between two state agencies so that the state can serve the state of New Mexico better, and so the CILs can ultimately have more money. He said it was a way to collaborate and work together. Mr. Trapp said it would be a whole lot easier to go to the legislature and ask for additional funds for the CILs if the SILC is able to arrive at the compromise state plan amendment. He said the SILC would be in a better position to advocate for additional money if the Legislative Finance Committee sees that the SILC is cooperating in a way that adds additional dollars to the state of New Mexico.

Mr. Murphy said he wanted to clarify with Mr. Trapp that he was not opposed to DVR spending their administrative fee in any way they want to, and if they want to share with the CFB to leverage funds, that is up to DVR. He said he would not want to have any control over that, and that was not the money he was talking about.

Mr. Trapp responded, saying ACL has said that DVR cannot share their administrative money with the CFB. He said it would take an amendment to the State Plan for Independent Living for money to be drawn from that $19,000 and to be given to the CFB. He said he was not talking about taking any money away from the CILs. He said he was talking about drawing from the $19,000 that DVR has. He said doing that was a win, win, win, win, win scenario.

Dr. Seanez said there was a motion and second on the floor. She took a roll call vote, and the motion was approved with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

Ms. Michaud said she had a medical appointment and had to leave at this time. She indicated that she would send her written report to Dr. Seanez.

19. Approval of Corrective Statement and explanation of how the Agenda for the Meeting Held on August 13, 2025, should have been written to provide Public Notice of Action to Hire SILC Executive Director

Dr. Seanez said this was an action item to correct statements and explain how the agenda for the meeting held on August 13, 2025, should have been written to provide public notice to hire the SILC Executive Director. She said This item was not a part of the NMDOJ Disposition Letter, but it is the same as violation 2 of the Disposition letter.

Ms. Chavez motioned to approve the corrective statement and explanation of how the Agenda for the Meeting Held on August 13, 2025, should have been written to provide Public Notice of the Action to Hire the SILC Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. Dr. Seanez took a roll call vote, and the motion was approved with Dr.

Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

20. Approval of Process to Amend Federal fiscal Year 2025-2027 State Plan for Independent Living

Dr. Seanez said this is an action item to approve the process to amend the FFY 2025 to 2027 State Plan for Independent Living.

Mr. Trapp said that there were two ways the State Plan for Independent Living could be amended. He said the determination would need to be made by ACL as to which process would be required. He said one way might be through a technical amendment in which the SILC would vote to make the change with the majority of the centers agreeing. He said the other way would be for a full amendment to the SPIL which would require holding public hearings and gathering public comment on the proposed changes.

Dr. Scott said he wanted to state for the record that he absolutely supports the process of coming together to see how we can serve New Mexicans with Disabilities. He said if the SILC could show the legislature that we were working together to leverage program income, Ticket To Work, Social Security reimbursement funds, then we should absolutely do that.

Mr. Murphy said that developing resources for network of centers and other disability-related providers is one of the primary functions of the SILC, so we support that.

Mr. Murphy motioned to move forward with the process of amending the FFY 2025 to 2027 State Plan for Independent Living through either a technical amendment or a full amendment. Ms. Chavez seconded the motion. Dr. Seanez took a roll call vote, and the motion was approved with Dr. Paula Seanez, Bernadine Chavez, Marlencia Chee, Peggy Hayes, Michael Murphy, Lisa McNiven, Mariah Regan, and Cody Unser all Voting yes.

21. Independent Living Network Updates

a. Sarah Michaud – New Vistas

Dr. Seanez said that Ms. Michaud will send a written report that will be included as a part of the minutes.

b. Gil Yildiz– Independent Living Resource Center

Mr. Murphy said the ILRC continues to provide the five core IL services during the year. He said that as of June 30, services were provided to 279 consumers, and that staff spent 793 hours at 355 community activities. He said 339 consumers were in the personal assistant services program. He said affordable, accessible, and integrated housing remains a challenge, as is providing services in a rule state that lacks adequate housing, public transportation, communications technology, and health care. He said in the realm of personal assistance services, a challenge continues to be advocating for the Health Care Authority to follow the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidelines. Mr. Murphy further explained that CMS guidelines in the area of live-in attendants do not require them to use EVV system to check in and out on a specific schedule. At this time exemptions are given on an individual basis based on specific needs.

c. Albert Montoya – The Ability Center

Dr. Seanez said she would reach out to Mr. Montoya to see if he has a written report. She said he has not attended in a while and that she would reach out to him. She said she would like to reengage the Ability Center.

d. Audra Wilson – Choices

Dr. Seanez said she would reach out to Ms. Wilson to see if she wanted to submit a written report.

e. Charlie Phelps – San Juan Center for Independence

Dr. Seanez said she would also reach out to Mr. Phelps to see if he wanted to submit a written report.

f. Dr. Stephon L. Scott– Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Designated State Entity)

Dr. Scott expressed appreciation for all the work of the SILC and the centers for independent living. He said DVR is fully committed to collaborating with all. He said Ms. Rendon will send via email a fiscal report.

Ms. Chavez said she wanted to really applaud Dr. Scott, and that in previous years DVR directors had not been able to leverage funds from the legislature and had to go into order of selection and have had maintenance of effort penalties.

Dr. Scott talked about Advice Initiative for VR Counselors in School Engagement, saying DVR was working to enhance transition services for students aged 14 to 21. He said DVR was also in cost containment, which he had directed this week in anticipation of funding for Federal Fiscal Year 27. He said DVR was in cost containment to make sure DVR has resources to meet all of the obligations for DVR participants.

22. Date and Location of Next Meeting

There were discussions to initiate the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) amendment process. It was decided to keep the next scheduled meeting, which is scheduled for August 12,2026. The location will be at the DVR office in Santa Fe.

23. Public Comments

Ms. Urja Lansing said she was with the National federation of the Blind, and she said that the Meeting Owls worked really well and she could hear everyone well.

Ms. Joan Curtiss said the ability to hear was wonderful. She said the discussion was really powerful. She said the meeting was very productive and she was pleased with how the meeting progressed.

Ms. Hayes thanked Dr. Seanez and Mr. Trapp for all of their work in getting the meeting set up.

Mr. Trapp thanked Audrey Trijillo for bringing the Meeting Owls and for coming here to help with the Meeting.

Dr. Scott said he wanted to second all of that.

24. Adjournment

Dr. Seanez called for a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Murphy motioned to adjourn. Ms. McNiven's seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion to adjourn was Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Approved and Electronically Signed this 2nd day of September.

Dr. Paula Seanez, Chair
Statewide Independent Living Council