



Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council
10 a.m., February 14, 2022
Meeting by Teams

Minutes

Participants:

Advisory Council Members: David Ball, Erynn Beaton, Mary Gallagher, Claudia Herrold, Howie Beigelman, Kip Morse, Jane Pfeifer, Elaine Pierce and Monica Moloney. **Ohio Attorney General Charitable Law Section Staff:** Daniel Fausey, Matthew Jalandoni, Amy Hardbarger, Megan Nelson, and Beth Short.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ball and participants introduced themselves.

Minutes – Ms. Herrold noted an error in the prior minutes related to a bill's number. On motion of Mr. Ball, seconded by Ms. Pierce, amended minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Charitable Law Section Update – Section Chief Fausey touched on multiple bills at the General Assembly that touch on charitable issues. Board members also briefly discussed various legislative issues they were monitoring at the state and federal levels.

Mr. Fausey provided an overview of the Section's processes implemented surrounding the provision of state tax credits for donors to qualified scholarship granting organizations, an issue included in the budget. Groups hoping to qualify their donors for state tax credits must apply through the Section and demonstrate that their organizations meet the legal requirements. Mr. Fausey discussed some of the common questions that popped up, including confusion over the rather narrow statutory definitions requiring that qualifying organizations must 'primarily' be involved in granting school scholarships with a focus on low-income students. The Section posts on its web page all groups that applied and met the requirements. Application materials and instructions are also on the Section's web page and the Section expects that groups will continue to apply as new organizations form to take advantage of the tax credit.

Mr. Fausey also discussed the Section's work in preparing for the launch of electronic instant bingo which will be available for properly licensed veteran and fraternal organizations April 1. Rules governing this new form of bingo were approved by JCARR and licensing and oversight processes were developed for organizations seeking this type of license, as well as for manufacturers and distributors involved in these activities.

Updates were provided and discussed on other Section activities, including the development of an improved online charitable registration system that is hoped to provide the public with additional helpful information on Ohio's charitable organizations.

Ms. Nelson provided an overview of one of the Section's recent enforcement cases.

Asst. Section Chief Matthew Jalandoni announced his departure from the section in March. He thanked the board for all of the work they have done and the help they have provided to the Section.

COVID Updates – Advisory Council members shared various observations about the ongoing impact of COVID in the sector and the ongoing challenges present among charitable organizations.

Other Issues – Council members shared a number of updates on other topics and brainstormed a listing of topics members might be interested in learning more about from outside guests at future meetings.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is Monday May 16.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Hardbarger