



Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council
10 a.m. February 24, 2025
Meeting by Teams
Minutes

Participants

Advisory Council members: Erynn Beaton, David Ball, Monica Moloney, Erynn Beaton, Claudia Herrold, Jane Pfeifer, Mark Cardwell, Mary Gallagher, Erin Childs
Ohio Attorney General's Office Charitable Law Staff: Dan Fausey, Thaddius Townsend, Beth Short, Lynette Santoro-Au, Robert Beckett, Kayla Radekin, Liza Dietrich

The meeting was called to order by Beth Short at 10:04am

All present introduced themselves.

Minutes were approved from the August 2024 meeting.

Current issues

Discussion concerning policies being set at the national level that affect the charitable sector were discussed including: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work, investigations, pauses in programing and disruptions as well as lawsuits. The philanthropic community is resilient and coming together to share resources.

Legislative updates

Robert Becket and Kayla Radekin shared an overview of professional solicitations in the state of Ohio as well as a summary of HB184. There are 400-500 solicitations in Ohio annually. These solicitors are registered with our office and pay an annual \$200 fee. HB184 will limit the length of campaigns to 4 years and continue the \$200 annual fee for each registered solicitation.

Update from the Charitable Law Section

Dan Fausey shared a summary of the section and its efforts to honor the return to office policy from the Governor. Dan also shared our office is involved in DEI and its impact primarily with university scholarships.

Liza Dietrich briefed us on a case she had worked on involving funding for an HBCU Foundation and the misuse of those funds for the lifestyle of its board members. What began as a donor complaint ended in a prohibition of board members to work in solicitation in Ohio and a \$600k settlement that is in collections.

Training and Charitable University updates--Beth Short shared that there are some 3700 graduates of the program. The Attorney General recently adopted a policy requiring that one half of the board members of any group receiving grant funds from the office must complete Charitable University. School districts are adopting similar language and we have trainings around the state scheduled for the spring. Beth also shared a call for proposals for the annual NASCO Conference, which as President, Beth is hosting in Columbus October 7-9.

Other business.

The Philanthropy Ohio conference is coming up in the fall, Claudia thanked Beth for her ongoing support.

Adjournment--Having no other business for the good of the order, and with thanks for everyone's attendance and participation, Beth Short adjourned the meeting at 11:35am

Respectfully submitted
Lynette Santoro-Au