



APPROVED MINUTES

Legislative Committee Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2010

Department of Consumer Affairs
State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind
1625 N. Market Blvd., Trinity Room (Third Floor)
Sacramento, CA 95834

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.
350 Los Ranchitos Road
San Rafael, CA 94903

Guide Dogs of America
13445 Glenoaks Boulevard
Sylmar, CA 91342

Guide Dogs of the Desert
60740 Dillon Road
Whitewater, CA 92282

Phone Conference

Board Members

Tom Scott, Chair
Belinda Barragan
Eric Holm

Executive Officer

Antonette Sorrick

Guests

Chuck Jordan, Guide Dogs of America (GDA)
Bob Wendler, Guide Dogs of the Desert (GDD)
Ken Metz, Guide Dog Users of California (GDUC)
Linda Sumulski, GDD

Board Staff

Cenne Jackson

Legal Counsel

Laura Freedman Eidson

AGENDA

Open Session:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (T. Scott)

Committee Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. He then proceeded to take roll and welcomed attendees. All of the Committee Members were present and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes April 13, 2009 (T. Scott)
Committee Chair Scott asked for a motion to approve the April 13th meeting minutes.

Committee Member Holm motioned to accept the meeting minutes of April 13, 2009. Committee Member Barragan seconded the motion.

Committee Vote: Motion passed.

3. Legislation (T. Scott)

- a. SB 250 (Florez) – Dogs and Cats; Spaying and Neutering (status)

Committee Chair Scott reported that SB 250 was placed on the Assembly Inactive File on January 21, 2010. Executive Officer Sorrick stated that she would contact the author's office to get clarification on the bill's status. No recommendation was made by the staff.

- b. SB 389 (Negrete McLeod) – Retroactive Fingerprint Submission (status)

Committee Chair Scott reported that SB 389 was referred to the Assembly Public Safety Committee on July 7, 2009 and has had no movement since. Staff recommended to continue to watch the bill.

- c. Legislative Proposal – Business and Professions Code Section 7210.7 (In-Home Training)

Committee Chair Scott reported that Executive Officer Sorrick submitted the language to the Senate Business professions and Economic Development Committee and that the amended language would be included in the Committee's Omnibus legislation. Information on the bill number was not available, however, Committee Chair Scott expressed a desire to report this information by the February 22, 2010 Board Meeting.

- d. SB 638 (Negrete McLeod) – Sunset Review Process (status)

Committee Chair Scott reported that SB 638 was referred to the Committee on Rules on April 21, 2009 and has had no movement since that date. Staff recommendation was to continue to watch the bill.

- e. H.R. 734 (Rep. Towns, Edolphus – NY-10) – Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act of 2009 (status)

Committee Chair Scott reported that H.R. 734 was referred to the House Committee in Energy and Commerce on January 28, 2009. A support letter was sent to the Author on December 3, 2009. No recommendation was made by the staff.

f. H.R. 3266 (Rep. Klein, Ron – FL - 22) – Wounded Warrior K-9 Corp. (status)

Committee Chair Scott reported that H.R. 3266 was referred to the House Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on July 24, 2009. A letter of support was sent to the House Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on December 3, 2009. No recommendation was made by the staff.

g. S. 1495 (Sen. Franken, Al - MN) – Service Dogs for Veterans Act of 2009 (status)

Committee Chair Scott reported that S. 1495 was referred to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs on July 22, 2009. No recommendation was made by the staff.

h. H.R. 4378 (Rep. Kissell, Larry – NC - 8) - To amend the Americans with Disabilities Act to require that the same access to transportation and public accommodations be afforded to certified trainers of service animals as is afforded under such Act to individuals with disabilities who use such service animals.

Committee Chair Scott reported that H.R. 4378 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned on December 16, 2009. Executive Officer Sorrick reported that certified trainers and licensed trainers in California are afforded the same access rights under the civil code in the 54th section; this bill would afford these same state rights under the ADA. Linda Sumulski expressed concerns about how they would be able to monitor whether someone is licensed or not. Guide Dog Users of California (GDUC), Guide Dogs of the Desert (GDD), and Guide Dogs of America (GDA) have not taken a position on this bill. No recommendation was made by the staff.

4. Items for the Next Meeting (All)

Committee Chair Scott solicited input on legislation of interest.

5. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Bob Wendler (GDD) reported that his school just graduated a class and that they were planning to relocate in early Fall of 2010. Chuck Jordan (GDA) announced that they had a class in session that would be graduating that Sunday January 31, 2010. Mr. Jordan also reported that GDA had appointed a new President, Dale Hartford. Ken Metz (GDUC) announced that the next meeting for GDUC was going to be during the California Council of the Blind's Spring Convention in Burlingame at the San Francisco crown Plaza on April 17, 2010.

6. Adjournment

Committee Member Barragan motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Committee Member Holm seconded the motion to adjourn. Committee

Chair Scott adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m..