

**Outreach and Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 16, 2021, 9 -10:30 am**

**Committee Members in Attendance via Electronic Device:** Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, Adrienne Cochrane, Molly Weston Williamson, Justin Zartman

**Committee Members Absent:** Sal Luciano

**CTPL Members in Attendance via Electronic Device:** Nancy Barrow, Andrea Barton Reeves, Amber Forrest, Jacqueline Kozin, Jessica Vargas

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Committee Chair, Molly Weston Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM  
Amber Forrest took attendance by roll call and confirmed the existence of a quorum.

**Approval of meeting minutes**

Chair asked the committee for a review of the [November 18, 2021, meeting minutes](#) for adoption.

Justin Zartman motioned, seconded the motion, none were opposed there were no abstentions, the motion carried.

**Outreach and Engagement Updates**

Jessica Vargas provided a Power Point Presentation for an overview of outreach efforts and strategies.

The committee provided a few suggestions. One already in motion is to Survey individuals who have completed their leave. Contractually Aflac sends a survey of 3-4 questions about a claimant's experience. The Authority may contact someone who responded to that survey if they are willing to share their story.

Jacqueline Kozin provided an update on her work on the legislative scene and what is to come. A few issues have been identified, bereavement leave is not included as a reason to qualify for paid leave, and the statutes do not allow for individuals to receive wage replacement from more than one state program will be researched to see what other states are doing. Outreach to Rep. Arora has been done and hoping to set up a demo of the system for him in the near future. Also, she will be working with Andrea Barton Reeves and Erin Choquette to continue to review the statute for possible proposed changes and seek the board's feedback on those proposals. Molly Weston Williamson & Eva Bermudez Zimmerman both volunteered to aide with contacting legislators.





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**Old Business-** None

**New Business-** None

**Adjourn**

Chair asked the committee for a motion to adjourn. Eva Bermudez Zimmerman motioned, and Justin Zartman seconded the motion. None were opposed, there were no abstentions, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

*Meeting Recording:* <https://youtu.be/4-0Jdaw5SJE>

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