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DELAWARE RESIDENTS' PROTECTION COMMISSION (DRPC)

Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee

In-person & Virtual Meeting

Zoom

Anchor Location: DE CLASI Dover

840 Walker Rd

Dover, DE 19904

**Meeting of March 13, 2026 @ 12:00 p.m.**

FINAL

Subcommittee members present: Lisa Furber (anchor), Cheryl Heiks, Chris Marques, Esquire; Sean Dwyer, and Mary Peterson. Subcommittee members attended virtually. A quorum of subcommittee members was present.

Subcommittee member(s) not in attendance: Dr. Avani Virani.

Others Present: Margaret Bailey, DRPC; Ngozi Dom-Chima, DRPC; Robert Stewart, Public and Maggie Goonan, Public.

1. Call to order

Chairperson Furber called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Approval of meeting minutes

The meeting minutes draft of February 13, 2026, was approved as written.

3. Discussion of:

Assisted Living/Memory Care Legislation Draft - Feedback

The following stakeholders sent feedback relating to the proposed legislation: LeadingAge NJ/DE; DE Health Care Association; Alz Assoc, DE Valley Chapter and DE Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). This subcommittee began reviewing the feedback during the February 13, 2026 meeting, but was not able to discuss all of the comments due to time constraints.

During the 2/13/2026 subcommittee meeting, a motion was made to provide a response to each organization that provided feedback. The motion was seconded and therefore carried. No responses were sent to stakeholders yet as the subcommittee members were still discussing the feedback from the stakeholders.

Ms. Peterson mentioned during this meeting that it was her understanding subcommittee members agreed to provide a written response to the stakeholders. Mr. Marques expressed concern with going back and forth with stakeholders, instead of moving ahead on this item.

As a result, DRPC Legislative and Advocacy Subcommittee members decided to host an in-person meeting to discuss proposed legislation. A motion was raised and seconded to host an in-person meeting and invite DHSS, in particular Division of Health Care Quality (DHCQ), to attend. Subcommittee members unanimously approved the request. There were no members opposed or abstained.

Ms. Peterson stated “There is more work that needs to be done.” Mr. Marques agreed and offered that if there is any new regulations, there can be adjusting and tweaking, but to continue ahead with the drafting of the proposed bill.

Ms. Bailey will reserve a conference room at Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDDS) Fox Run for Friday April 17, 2026 @ 2:30 pm.

4. Old Business/New Business

N/A

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Next Meeting

The next DRPC Legislative/Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting will be held on Friday April 17, 2026 @ 2:30 pm. In-person and virtual attendance options will be available. Meeting information will be posted on the Delaware Public Meeting Calendar.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Attachments: 3/13/2026 DRPC Leg/Advoc Subcommittee Meeting - agenda  
2/13/2026 DRPC Leg/Advoc Subcommittee Meeting – minutes draft  
Assisted Living Facilities draft legislation– Feedback from: LeadingAge,  
Delaware Health Care Facilities Assoc (DHCFA), DE Department of Health and  
Social Services (DHSS) & Alz Assoc, DE Valley Chapter.