



MEMORANDUM

To: DDA Regional Office Staff
From: Bernard Simons, Deputy Director *Bernard Simons*
Developmental Disabilities Administration
Subject: Provider Governing Bodies - COMAR 10.22.02.08
Date: May 20, 2020

The following guidance is in reference to COMAR 10.22.02.08, as it references Governing Bodies.

All members of a provider organization's governing body must be voting members, capable of making decisions regarding the management and operations of the provider organization as per COMAR 10.22.02.08. This is consistent with DDA's general mission to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in fully participating in community life. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities requires the same respect, equality, and rights as other board members.

The provider organization, including its governing body, needs to support individuals with developmental disabilities who serve on the provider organization's governing body. Such supports may include reasonable accommodations, education, use of plain language in discussions conducted by the governing body and documentation presented to the governing body for review. The supports provided (if any) must be sufficient for the member of the governing body who has a developmental disability to be able to make informed decisions as a voting member and fulfill their fiduciary obligations as a voting member.

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