

THE STATE OF TEXAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

AUSTIN, TEXAS

EXECUTIVE ORDER

D.B. No. 40

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has enacted legislation stating that it is the policy of the State of Texas to provide rehabilitation and related services to eligible handicapped persons so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful occupation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Congress has passed legislation to authorize programs to promote and expand employment opportunities in the public and private sectors for handicapped persons and to place such persons in employment; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out the functions vested in it, the President's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped is directed to work closely with the State employment and vocational rehabilitation agencies; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of the State of Texas, I am deeply interested that there be cooperation with the Texas Legislature, the Federal Congress, and the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in the achievement of their stated goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dolph Briscoe, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby establish the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

I. Purpose

The Committee shall carry on a continuing program to promote employment of handicapped persons in this State.

II. Organization

1. The Committee shall be composed of a minimum of six (6) members appointed by the Governor. At least one (1) of the members shall be a handicapped person.
2. The Governor shall biennially designate one Committee member to serve as Chairman and one (1) Committee member to serve as Vice-Chairman.
3. The Chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, the Commissioner of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, and the Executive Director of the Texas Commission for the Blind shall serve as ex officio members of the Committee.
4. Committee members who are not members ex officio shall serve at the discretion of the Governor.
5. Committee members shall serve without pay.

6. The Texas Rehabilitation Commission shall provide administrative support to the Committee. A representative of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission shall be designated by that agency to effect coordination between the agency and the Chairman of the Committee in the arrangement of such support. All state agencies with responsibilities relating to employment and to the handicapped are encouraged to assist and support the Committee.
7. The Committee shall make such rules and designate such subcommittees as it determines advisable for the conduct of its business.

III. Functions

The Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped shall:

1. Cooperate with the Texas Legislature and the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.
2. Create community level committees to promote the employment of the handicapped.
3. Encourage coordination between local, state, and federal agencies in their activities to promote the employment of the handicapped.
4. Inform handicapped persons of programs of rehabilitation, vocational training, and job placement available to them.
5. Inform the public of the vocational abilities and accomplishments of the handicapped.
6. Inform the public of the benefits to the community when handicapped workers become self-sufficient and self-supporting.
7. Encourage employer acceptance and placement of handicapped workers.
8. Conduct conferences and forums for discussion of problems relating to the employment of the handicapped.
9. Promote a favorable climate in the business community for employment of the handicapped.

IV. Meetings

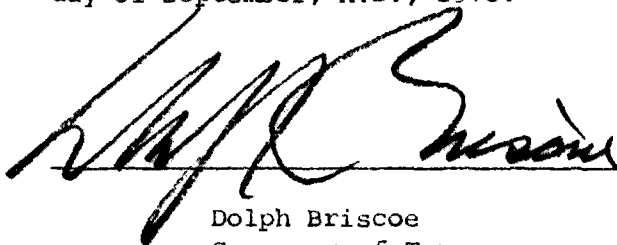
The Committee shall meet at least once every six months at the call of the Chairman to conduct its business.

V. Reports

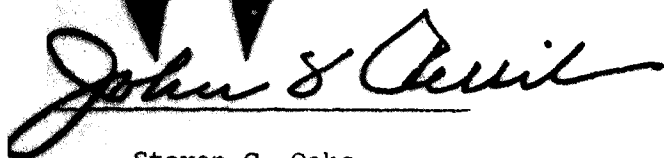
The Committee shall annually report to the Governor on Committee activities and on the state of employment of the handicapped. This report may include any recommendations believed necessary or desirable to promote the employment of the handicapped.

This Executive Order shall become effective on this 29th day of September, A.D., 1978, and shall remain in effect until amended, modified or rescinded by me.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 29th day of September, A.D., 1978.



Dolph Briscoe
Governor of Texas



Steven C. Oaks
Secretary of State

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