



Government Creates Contracting Commission of National Council for Persons with Disabilities

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Through the *Official Gazette* No. 42,471 of Sept. 27, 2022, Administrative Ruling No. 096-22 (hereinafter, the Ruling) was published that ordered the creation of the Contracting Commission of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (hereinafter, the Commission). The Commission's function will be to advance the procedures for the selection of contractors for the execution of works, acquisition of goods, and provision of goods and services in accordance with the parameters established in the Decree with value and force of the Law on Public Contracting and its Regulations.

According to the Ruling, the Commission will include three principal members and three alternate members, who will have the right to voice and vote. Additionally, the Commission will have one secretary with his respective alternate, who will have the right to speak. It is important to mention that the members of the Commission are appointed through the Ruling.

The Commission may also, if it deems necessary, appoint experts and technicians who will have the right to vote and whose opinions must be presented in a written report to the members and must be expressly recorded in all acts of the Commission.

The Commission shall be validly constituted with the presence of the majority of its members or respective alternates, and its decisions shall be adopted with the favorable vote of the majority. In the event that one of the principal members is absent from the meetings or sessions, he/she shall be replaced by his/her respective alternate. If for any reason a member of the Commission dissents from a decision, he/she must state the reasons for their dissent in the respective minutes.

It should also be noted that according to the Ruling, the acts and documents signed by the Commission must include the date and number of the act, and must contain the number of the *Official Gazette* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in which it was published.

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