



**Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
Legislative Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 26, 2024
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

- 1) Introduction / roll call / housekeeping (Amy).

Members Present: Amy Cloud, Marsha Cutting, Patti Dailey-Shives, Lucas Doelman, Clarence Eskridge, Damiana Harper, Steven McCray, Brit Nuckles, Kristina Sawyckyj, Lyn Sowdon. Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz.

- 2) Agenda and Minutes: Patti made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes and Clarence seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the agenda and minutes were approved as written.
- 3) Steven asked to be a member of the Legislative Subcommittee. Elaine will talk with Damiana about his appointment.
- 4) Honoring Kevin Frankeberger, PhD. Amy said a few words of tribute to Kevin and opened the floor for other comments.

OLD BUSINESS

- 5) Continuing review of General Membership meeting goals (Amy, all)
 - a. Task-oriented, time-limited, member preference. Amy said we will work on defining what tasks we take on and to make sure the assignments are manageable. Our monthly meetings will end with a recap of action items. At the next meeting, she would like everyone to share (if they are comfortable) their legislative district, and who their representatives are. Also, share if you have a relationship with your representatives. She emphasized that building relationships is foundational for any significant change.
 - b. Task-related meetings per sub-subcommittee members, report out to full Legislative sub-com. There was a discussion about the Digital Equity (DE) subgroup. Kristina would like the subgroup to provide ways to support DE for people with disabilities and provide equitable access to software such as JAWS and Dragon. Clarence said that Microsoft is a big advocate for DE. He will come up with a DE plan for this subgroup.
 - c. Amy said the Legislative Subcommittee's goal is to have dynamic, engaged membership – performing work of real and sustainable value.

d. Tasks for assignment: legislation research, review and/or advocacy; training (year-round); digital equity (Clarence, Kristina).

Tabled until the next meeting.

e. Report out on assignments on prior assignments (cheat sheets from other agencies, including League of Women Voters; ARC of WA; National Volunteer Fire Council; Disability Rights WA.

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NEW BUSINESS

6) Develop and codify GCDE Legislative Values, creating a touchstone for which bills to prioritize (Amy).

Elizabeth said there are some guiding values that exist in GCDE's Executive Order and in statute that she will share. She will write a one-pager with highlights.

7) Training – Legislature 101 (Patti). Patti facilitated a Legislative 101 training (Summary of PowerPoint attached to minutes).

We will send out a proposed training schedule and ask members what training they want. Next month's topic will be Advocacy 101.

Suggested training: Media Relations (Amy); Testifying (Marsha); How to Interact with your Legislators (Patti).

8) Recap / action steps.

9) Next Meeting: Friday, May 24, 2024, at 9:00 am.

10) Public Comment (if necessary)

11) Adjournment