



**King County**

Department of Community and Human Services  
Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division

# BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## BOARD MINUTES

**Day/Date:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024  
**Time:** 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Tukwila Community Center, Meeting Room A

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Cunningham  
Amanda Knotts  
Molly McCoy  
Radhe Morgan (joined via Zoom)  
CeCe Stovall

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Beth Bardeen - Excused  
Devony Boyle  
Laura Musso Escude  
Brandon Graham  
Tiffany Lee

### ATTENDEES IN-PERSON

Michaelle Monday, Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division  
(DDECSD)  
Jim Ott, DDECSD  
Holly Woo, DDECSD

### ATTENDEES JOINED VIA ZOOM

Carol Allen, Community Member  
Zayla Archuleta, DDECSD  
Cat Braid, DSHS/DDA  
Catherine Cass Del Castillo, ASL Interpreter  
Madison Chester, ASL Interpreter  
Nico Chua, DDECSD  
Sheila Collins, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental  
Disabilities Administration (DDA)  
Magan Cromar, DDECSD  
Juliette Escobar, DDECSD  
Asmeret Habte, DDECSD  
Marlon Hall, KCPH ABCD  
Stephanie Jones, DSHS/DDA

Louis Lok, DDECSD  
Karla Lynch, DDECSD  
Hodan Mohamad, Washington Multicultural Services Link  
TJ Protho, DDECSD  
Nancy Rivera, Captioner  
Susy Stremel, DDECSD  
Maragret-Lee Thompson, Community Member  
Aileen Villapudua, DDECSD  
Richard Wilson, DDECSD  
Jenna Wolfstone, DDECSD

## **WELCOME AND BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, with welcoming remarks and asked Board Members for self-introductions.

## **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair covered the following topics:

- August Board Business
- November Board Meeting
- Upcoming Trainings and Activities

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair called for a motion to approve the June 7, 2024, Board Minutes. The Minutes were so moved, seconded, and approved as written.

## **PUBLIC INPUT AND CELEBRATIONS**

Amanda Knott, Board Member announced she will be attending the King County Interagency Council's (KCICC) Leaning Into Parent Advocacy meeting scheduled for Monday, August 12, at 12:30 p.m. at the Tukwila Community Center. They will be building community connections, a panel discussion reflecting on experiences advocating for their children, learning about county-wide data on early support services, and making recommendations.

Registration was required before July 29. For questions, please contact Liz Snow at [Esnow@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Esnow@kingcounty.gov).

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair shared he is honored to serve as the Chapter Advisor for the King County Champions Chapter for People First of Washington. He will be connecting with wonderful advocates.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **KING COUNTY DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Magan Cromar, DDECSD asked team members to provide program updates.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD TEAM**

Aileen Villapudua, DDECSD reported on the following topics:

- Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Career Pathways Scholarship Pilot
- KCICC meeting entitled, “Leaning Into Parent Advocacy”

## **ADULT SERVICES TEAM**

Richard Wilson, DDECSD provided the following School-to-Work Team update:

- Ninth Circuit Court Decision
- In-Person School-to-Work Kickoff meeting to focus on the future

For more information, contact Richard Wilson at [Richard.Wilson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Richard.Wilson@kingcounty.gov)

Susy Stremel, DDECSD reported on the following topics:

- Community Inclusion Services Information;
- Washington State Association of Counties’ Letter; and
- Introduced and congratulated TJ Protho on his new role as an Adult Services Employment and Community Inclusion Manage.

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION OUTREACH AND REFERRAL TEAM**

Holly Woo, DDECSD reported on the following topics:

- 2025 Legislative Priorities Survey is gathering input to help King County with oversight of services we provide. The survey will be open until August 31. The survey is available in multiple languages.
- Save the Date! King County Developmental Disabilities and Delays Legislative Forum on November 21, 2024, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Suites located at 16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle.
- The next Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Tukwila Community Center, Meeting Room A, located at 12424 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S., Tukwila.

Magan Cromar, DDECSD announced the division is currently recruiting for a Project/Program Manager IV School-to-Work Team Lead. Recruitment ends on August 17.

Magan congratulated Juliette Escobar, DDECSD on her new role as the Developmental Promotion Team Lead. Juliette support program managers leading Best Start for Kids investments that promote healthy development for young children.

## **REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR/FIELD SERVICES REPORT**

Sheila Collins and Cat Braid, DSHS/DDA provided a DDA 101 presentation for new Board Members that included the following topics:

- DDA enrollment application and services overview;
- Case Manager opportunities and education requirement changes;
- 1:66/Hiring;
- How to apply for DDA services;
- Who should apply and when?;
- DDA services overview that included Community First Choice and Home and Community Based Waivers; and
- Common DDA acronyms.

For more information, contact Cat Braid at [Catriona.Braid@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Catriona.Braid@dshs.wa.gov) or Sheila Collins at [Sheila.Collins@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Sheila.Collins@dshs.wa.gov).

## **BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair provided an overview of the following two Board committees and asked Board members which committee they would be interested in serving on:

### **Development, Engagement, and Inclusion (DEI)**

- Listens to the intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) community and share what is heard to increase awareness and community inclusion;
- Improves the Board's infrastructure and develops written documents about the Board such as its mission, vision, values, role, and purpose;
- Improves Board member's orientation and onboarding;
- Ensures the Board has a firm understanding of neurodiversity, ableism, racism and intersecting equity, race, and social justice issues; and
- Engages with groups the Board lacks representation from to ensure diverse voices and lived experiences inform Board actions.

### **Legislative and Policy Committee**

- Engages the I/DD community, centering on their lived experiences, in identifying priority issues impacting individuals and families;
- Ensures Board priorities align with the role and values of the Board;
- Advocates for increased funding and improved services;
- Shares the Board's priority issues with other groups, coalitions, policy, and decision makers; and
- Builds partnerships with groups and systems to exchange information, priorities, plans, and funding recommendations to support an inclusive and accessible continuum of care for people with I/DD.

The following Board Members will serve on the standing committees to carry out the Board's work:

**DEI Committee** - Molly McCoy will chair the committee, Joe Cunningham will Co-Chair, and Beth Bardeen will serve as a committee member.

**Legislative Policy Committee** - Amanda Knotts will chair the committee and Radhe Morgan will Co-Chair. CeCe Stovall and Laura Musso Escude will serve as a committee members.

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair will connect with the remaining Board Members to see which committee they would like to serve on.

## **BOARD RECRUITMENT**

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is seeking residents of King County interested in serving on the board. The board is a 15-member citizen's advisory board, which provides oversight of community services for residents of the County who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or other neurological impairments and their families. The board values diverse perspectives, life experiences, and people of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including people with disabilities, people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQUIA+, and veterans.

If you are interested in learning more about the board, please contact Jim Ott, Information and Outreach Manager at 206-263-9060 or by email at [Jim.Ott@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Jim.Ott@kingcounty.gov). More information on the board can be found by visiting the board's webpage at <https://kingcounty.gov/DDBoard>.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2024, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Tukwila Community Center, Meeting Room A, located at 12424 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S., Tukwila.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

Zayla Archuleta

**Attested by:**

Jim Ott

Michaelle Monday

