



**King County**

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

# BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MINUTES

**Day/Date:** Tuesday,  
February 7, 2023  
**Time:** 3:30 - 5:30  
p.m.  
**Location:** Tukwila  
Community Center, Room  
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## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT EXCUSED

Joe Cunningham  
Laura Muso Escude  
Hameed Quraishi

## ATTENDEES

Emily Fung, Open Doors for Multicultural Families (ODMF)  
Wendy Harris, Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports  
Division (DDECSD)  
Louis Lok, DDECSD  
Erendira Mercado, ODMF  
Michaelle Monday, DDECSD  
Jayson Todd Morris, Community Member  
Jim Ott, DDECSD  
Moses Perez, ODMF  
Meri Snow, Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental  
Disabilities Administration (DSHS/DDA)  
Holly Woo, DDECSD

## JOINED BY ZOOM

Carol Allen, Public Health–King County  
Zayla Archuleta, DDECSD  
Multicultural Link  
Magan Cromar, DDECSD  
Ayan Elmi, Washington Multicultural Link  
Learning Center  
Katherine Festa, DDECSD  
Member  
Brandon Gram, Community Member  
Community Member  
Emily Hart, DDECSD  
Maria Laura, Community Member  
Norma Lobo, DDECSD  
Karla Lynch, DDECSD  
Cathy Murahashi, Community Homes

## BOARD MEMBERS

Tiffany Lee

PJ Protho, DDECSD  
Hodan Mohamed, Washington  
Daisy Moore, ASL Interpreter  
Bella Richi, Bella's Creative  
Jessie Scanzon, Community  
Margaret-Lee Thompson,  
Jenna Wolfstone, DDECSD  
Rob, Captioner  
Magdelina, Community Member

## **WELCOME AND BOARD INTRODUCTIONS**

The hybrid Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. The Board Chair, Joe Cunningham called the meeting to order and asked Board Members for self-introductions.

## **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair made the following announces:

- The Board will be holding their annual elections and the review of Bylaws;
- The Board sponsored event titled, Caregiver Supports – Life After High School is scheduled for March 25, 2023. Registration and more event details are coming soon!;
- Reminder there will not be an April Board meeting or event; and
- Board Business update.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Joe Cunningham, Chair called for a motion to approve the December 7, 2022, Board Minutes. The Minutes were so moved, seconded, and approved as written.

## **PUBLIC INPUT AND CELEBRATIONS**

Hammed Quraishi, Board Member shared an update about his wife.

Emily Fung, ODMF visited Olympia in January to advocate for the Special Education Funding Bills. Emily also introduced Erendira Mercado, the new Self-Advocacy Coordinator.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Merri Snow, DSHS/DDA provided the following updates:

- Service Requests and Information Line will be expanding the number of staff providing information and referral
- Planning an event for partners and DDA Staff to weigh in on a new name for “No Paid Services”

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

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

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD TEAM**

Norma Renteria Lobo, DDECSD presented the following updates:

- Universal Developmental Screening Advisory Group;
- Universal Screening Strategy funding;
- Children served in 2022;

- Provider Request for Applications;
- Seattle Developmental Bridge Program services
- A Trauma Informed, Relational Frame for Prenatal to Five Providers application deadline;
- Upcoming workshops: Let's Talk About Babies: An Introduction to Infant Mental Health and Relationship-Based Work and The Ripple Effect; and
- Learning more about the needs of families of children with delays and disabilities.

## **ADULT SERVICES TEAM**

Susy Stremel, DDECSD presented highlights for the Adult Services Team.

- Working with community-based organizations to host language specific School-to-Work trainings and information for families
- Welcoming a new community inclusion service provider, Disability Empowerment Center

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION OUTREACH AND RREFERRAL (CIOR) TEAM**

Holly Woo, DDECSD presented CIOR updates.

- 2023 Board meeting schedule
- March Board sponsored event

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Ramona Hattendorf, The Arc of King County provided a legislative update and highlighted key Bills.

## **ANNUAL BOARD ELECTIONS**

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair called for the annual election of the Vice Chair and Chair. Tiffany Lee was nominated and unanimously voted into a second term as the Vice Chair. Joe Cunningham was nominated and unanimously voted into a second term as the Chair.

## **ANNUAL BYLAWS REVIEW**

Board Members took this opportunity to review the current Bylaws. There were no suggested changes.

## **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 and life experiences and people of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including people with disabilities, people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQIA+ 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 board information can be found on our webpage at <https://kingcounty.gov/DDBoard>.

## **MEETING REMINDER**

- Registration details are coming for the March 25, 2023, Board sponsored event titled, Caregiver Supports – Life After High School;
- No Board meeting or event in April; and

- Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2023, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Tukwila Community Center, 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 5:30 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

Zayla Archuleta

**Attested by:**

Jim Ott

Michaelle Monday

