



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

# BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

## MINUTES

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

### BOARD MEMBER ROLE CALL

Beth Bardeen (joined online)  
Devony Boyle  
Joe Cunningham  
Laura Musso Escude (joined online)  
Amanda Knott  
Molly McCoy  
Radhe Morgan (joined online)  
CeCe Stovall (joined online)

### ABSENT

Brandon Graham  
Tiffany Lee

### IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

Abdullahi Bedel, Washington Multicultural Services Link  
Nico Chua, DDECSD  
Louis Lok, DDECSD  
Michaëlle Monday, DDECSD  
Jim Ott, DDECSD  
Angel Perez, Akin  
Paul Tan, Open Doors for Multicultural Families  
Holly Woo, DDECSD

### JOINED VIA ZOOM

Zayla Archuleta, DDECSD  
Karlee Ayalisse, American Sign Language Interpreter  
Cat Braid, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental  
Disabilities Administration (DDA)  
Scott Brown, DDECSD  
Madison Chester, American Sign Language Interpreter  
Sheila Collins, DSHS/DDA

## **JOINED VIA ZOOM (CONTINUED)**

Magan Cromar, DDECSD  
Norma Lobo, DDECSD  
Karla Lynch, DDECSD  
Joseph O'Hara, Captioner  
Luke Quinn, DDECSD  
Areesa Quraishi, Community Member  
Sabra Quraishi, Community Member  
Susy Stremel, DDECSD  
Margaret-Lee Thompson, Community Member  
Ramika Toms, DDECSD  
Jena Wolfe, DDECSD

## **WELCOME AND BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, with welcoming remarks and asked Board Members for self-introductions.

## **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Joe Cunningham, Board Chair covered the following topics:

- Presented a certificate of appreciation to Hameed Quraishi's family;
- Announced the Housing Conference delay;
- Announced the next Board meeting will be held on August 7; and
- Announced upcoming board orientation trainings and committee meetings.

## **PUBLIC INPUT AND CELEBRATIONS**

Paul Tan, Open Doors for Multicultural Families made the following announcements:

- Extended outreach services to Pierce County
- Early Refugee School Impact Program

Abdullahi Bedel, Washington Multicultural Services Link announced resources and summer activities for disabled youth in Auburn, Renton, and City of Seattle. Below are the available programs:

- Day camps at Seward Park in July and August;
- Berry Picking at local farm on August 27; and
- Feld Trip to Zoo on August 28.

For more information, visit:

[https://www.auburnwa.gov/city\\_hall/parks\\_arts\\_recreation/recreation/specialized\\_recreation](https://www.auburnwa.gov/city_hall/parks_arts_recreation/recreation/specialized_recreation).

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION**

Sheila Collins and Cat Braid, DSHS/DDA covered the following topics:

- Waiver Capacity

- Enhanced Case Manager Program
- No paid Services Case Management
- Intake and Eligibility Changes
- House Bill 1188 update
- New hires: Region 2 Specialist and Onboarding Administrator
- Working with CDWA leadership to troubleshoot issues

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

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

Magan Cromar, DDECSD announced the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) job listing closed on June 1 for two Project/Program Manager III positions. These positions will focus on ESIT Provider supports and Community engagement.

Norma Lobo, DDECSD made the following personnel announcements on the Early childhood Team:

- Nico Chua's new role on the Adult Services and Community Information and Outreach team
- Estephanie Guzman's new role as the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist
- Debi Donelan's new role as Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Workforce Lead
- Shanelle Dodson-Dance's new role as Workforce Development Lead

Susy Stremel, DDECSD announced TJ Protho's new role as Employment and Community Inclusion Co-Lead.

Luke Quinn, DDECSD announced two new team members, Ramika Toms and Scott Brown, Operations and Contracts Coordinators.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD TEAM**

Norma Lobo, DDECSD provided the following updates:

- Cultivating Prenatal to Five Community-Based Facilitators
- Workforce Development prenatal to five workshops
  - Let's Talk About babies: An introduction to Infant Mental Health and Relationship-Based Work;
  - Ages and Stages Questionnaire Social Emotional (ASQ: SE-2): Una Nueva Perspectiva
  - Ages and States Questionnaire Social Emotional (ASQ: SE-2)

For more workshop information, visit the Best Starts for Kids website at [www.beststartsworkshops.org](http://www.beststartsworkshops.org).

## **ADULT SERVICES TEAM**

Susy Stremel, DDECSD made the following announcements:

- Provider Meet Ups
- Equity, Racial, and Social Justice Capacity Building

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION OUTREACH AND REFERRAL TEAM

Holly Woo, DDECSD made the following announcements:

- The remaining two Board meeting dates: August 7 and November 6
- Encouraged people to stay informed by signing up on the Board's website at <https://kingocounty.gov/DDBoard>.

## BOARD BYLAWS REVISIONS

Jim Ott, DDECSD reviewed the amendments to the Board's Bylaws. Joe Cunningham, Board Chair called for a motion to approve the amendments to the Board's Bylaws. The amendments were so moved, seconded, and approved as written.

## BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is seeking residents of King County interested in serving on the board. The board is a 9-15-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, 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 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 August 7, 2024, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Tukwila Community Center, Social Hall, located at 12424 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, Tukwila.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

**Prepared by:**  
Zayla Archuleta

**Attested by:**  
Jim Ott  
Michaëlle Monday

