



King County

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

BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Minutes

DAY/DATE: Tuesday, February 3, 2026
TIME: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: King County Tukwila Office
625 Andover Park West, Suite 200
Hallway Meeting Room 2
Tukwila, WA 98188

BOARD MEMBER ROLE CALL:

Beth Bardeen, Board Member (joined via Teams)
Devony Boyle, Board Member (joined via Teams)
Joe Cunningham, Board Member (joined via Teams)
Crystal Goodwin, Board Member (joined in-person)
Kristin Patrick-Brown, Board Member pending confirmation (joined via Teams)
Sabra Quraishi, Board Candidate (joined via Teams)

EXCUSED:

Molly McCoy, Board Member
CeCe Stovall, Board Member

ABSENT:

Brandon Graham Board Member
Amanda Knott, Board Member

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:

Jim Ott, Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division (DDECSD)
Mahad Dahir, Washington Multicultural Services Link (WMCSL)

JOINED VIA TEAMS:

Nicole Barker, Open Doors for Multicultural Families (ODMF)
Amelia Carter, Community Member
Muffy Cave, ASL Interpreter
Sheila Collins, Developmental Disabilities Community Services (DDCS)
Nico Chua, DDECSD
Magan Cromar, DDECSD
Ayan Elmi, WMCSL
Ashley Ewings, DDECSD
Katherine Festa, DDECSD
Jessica Gyamfi, ASL Interpreter
Ramona Hattendorf, The Arc of King County
Stephanie Jones, DDCS

Jamie Lee, DDECSD
Louis Lok, DDECSD
Karla Lynch, DDECSD
Hodan Mohamed, WMCSL
Peter Musante, ODMF
Francisco Philbert – CART Interpreter
TJ Protho, DDECSD
Susy Stremel, DDECSD
Holly Woo, DDECSD

WELCOME AND BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Joe Cunningham called the hybrid Board meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. He began with welcoming remarks and invited board members to introduce themselves.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Board Chair Joe Cunningham reviewed the following agenda items:

- Board Business: The Board met on December 3, 2026, and established two Ad-hoc committees: the Board Liaison Ad-hoc Committee and the Board Communications Ad-hoc Committee. Progress reports for both committees will be provided at the May 2026 Board Meeting.
- Board Presentation: DDECSD staff TJ Protho: Community Inclusion (CI) Services.
- Legislative Update: Ramona Hattendorf, Director of Advocacy, The Arc of King County.
- Next hybrid quarterly Board meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025 BOARD MINUTES

Board Chair Joe Cunningham called for a motion to approve the November and December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and the November and December Minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC INPUT AND CELEBRATIONS:

- DDECSD staff shared information about two upcoming training opportunities open to board members.
- Joe Cunningham recently celebrated his son joining him in producing his weekly radio show.
- Sabra Quraishi shared she and her siblings celebrated the holidays together this year.
- Beth Bardeen shared about the recent passing of her beloved dog.

STAFF REPORTS

KING COUNTY DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Magan Cromar, DDECSD and staff provided the following program updates:

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEAM – ASHLEY EWINGS

- The Best Starts for Kids' Workforce Development Team and our partners at WestEd are excited to share our newsletter for the third and fourth quarters of 2025. You will find the newsletters at <https://wested.box.com/s/hm7n8lj224ykgmjewx071brf2c4z3na7>.

- The King County Interagency Coordination Council will meet on Monday, March 9, 2026, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.; meeting details will be sent via GovDelivery.

ADULT SERVICES TEAM – NICO CHUA AND TJ PROTHO

- Upcoming Workshop: “Disrupting Whiteness in Practice & Policy, Part 2”, Dr. Jamie Cho & Ninderjit Gill on February 20 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Upcoming Workshop: “Tending the Soil: Nurturing Disability Justice” by Adana Protonentis on March 18 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. (open for all board members to attend)
- School-to-Work (S2W) Program: “Best Practices Collaboration - Transition Edition,” facilitated by Anne-Marie Lake with Washington Initiative for Supported Employment on February 11 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Topics will focus on: Family engagement, relationship building and coordination, growing program-wide collaboration, and job development tools to support job lead generation.
- King County S2W: “Preparing for Life After School” virtual orientation on February 10 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/89418052863>. This event is open to anyone interested in learning more about King County S2W. No registration required.
- King County S2W: Information Night: “Learn About King County S2W for parents, guardians, and educators” hosted by Seattle Public Schools on March 10 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION, OUTREACH, AND REFERRAL TEAM – HOLLY WOO

- Community Information Outreach and Referral Team Community Listening Session – January 26: Community members provided feedback regarding the DDECSD 2026 Developmental Disabilities and Delays All-Ages Resource Fair; planning work continues for the May 28 event.
- Save the Date: DDECSD 2026 Developmental Disabilities and Delays All-Ages Resource Fair on Thursday, May 28.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF REPORT – SHEILA COLLINS

- Reimagine Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Branding: – The DSHS website is currently being updated.
- Hiring Updates: DDCS has recently hired a limited number of Case Resource Managers.
- Legislative Session: Staff are continuing to monitor potential budget impacts.
- Consumer Direct Washington:
 - Language specific phone lines: [Contact - Consumer Direct Care Network Washington](#)
 - Language specific support: [Language Support - Consumer Direct Care Network Washington](#)
- New DDCS Caseload Cost Report: [25-1018-DDCS-Caseload-Report](#).
- DDCS No Paid Services Client Caseload Report: https://app.leg.wa.gov/ReportsToTheLegislature/Home/GetPDF?fileName=25-0642%20DDCS%20NPS%20Leg%20Report%202025_671391df-7a85-43e6-a354-4d4a9cffdbb4.pdf.

COMMUNITY INCLUSION SERVICES

TJ Protho, DDECSD thanked Lauren Oliver for sharing her lived experience with King County CI services at the November Board meeting.

TJ presented an overview of CI services. CI services provide individuals with the opportunity to participate in community-based activities that align with their interests. He reviewed eligibility requirements for services and shared what services look like in the community. TJ concluded the presentation with a video about CI services. Click on the link to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CVqBdhGXVI>.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – RAMONA HATTENDORF

Ramona, The Arc of King County provided an overview of the legislative process, state budgets, revenue streams, and bills of interest to the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) community

BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is actively seeking King County residents who are interested in serving on the Board. The Board is a 9–15-member citizen’s advisory board, responsible for providing oversight of community services for residents of the county who have IDD, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or another neurological or other conditions and their families. The Board values diverse perspectives, life experiences, and people of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including people with IDD and other disabilities, people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQIA+, and veterans.

To learn more about the Board, please contact Jim Ott, Community Information, Outreach, and Referral Manager at 206-263-9060 or by email at Jim.Ott@kingcounty.gov. Additional information also available at <https://kingcounty.gov/DDBoard>.

NEXT MEETING – MAY 6TH 2026

The next hybrid quarterly Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the King County Tukwila office located at 625 Andover Parkway West, Suite 200, Hallway Meeting Room 2, Tukwila.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Prepared by:

Jim Ott

Attested by:

Holly Woo