



King County

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

BOARD FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Minutes

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026
TIME: 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: KING COUNTY TUKWILA OFFICE
625 ANDOVER PARK W., SUITE 200, MEETING ROOM 2
TUKWILA, WA 98188
MEETING TYPE: HYBRID (IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beth Bardeen (virtual)
Kristin Brown-Patrick (virtual, pending confirmation)
Joe Cunningham (virtual)
Crystal Goodwin (in person)
Molly McCoy (virtual)
Sabra Quraishi, (virtual, pending confirmation)
CeCe Stovall (virtual)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Devony Boyle
Brandon Graham
Amanda Knott
Laura Musso Escude

STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Ott, Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Division (DDECSD)
Holly Woo, DDECSD
Jayson Morris, Community Member

ONLINE:

Julia A., Community Member
Danielle Black Lyons, CART Interpreter
Cat Braid, Developmental Disabilities Community Services (DDCS)
Nico Chua, DDECSD
Magan Cromar, DDECSD
Mahad Dahir, Washington Multicultural Services Link
Rowan D'Amore, DDCS
Ashley Ewings, DDECSD
Ramona Hattendorf, The Arc of King County
Louis Lok, DDECSD

ONLINE (CONTINUED):

Karla Lynch, DDECSD
Michaelle Monday, DDECSD
Karen Royea, ASL Interpreter
Susan Stremel, DDECSD
Margaret-Lee Thompson, Community Member
Tara Troup, ASL Interpreter
Jenna Wolfstone, DDECSD

WELCOME AND BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Joe Cunningham opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, welcomed everyone, and asked board members to introduce themselves.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Board Chair Joe Cunningham shared the following agenda items:

- April meeting: Logistics and Liaison Committee Board Protocol
- May meeting: Vote on the Board Protocol
- May meeting: DDECSD Resource Fair presentation
- May meeting: Legislative Updates
- Meeting reminder: August 5 Board meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Joe Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the February and April 2026 Minutes. The motion was made and seconded. No one opposed. The Minutes were approved as written.

LOGISTICS AND LIAISON COMMITTEE PROTOCOL

Board Member Crystal Goodwin presented the committee's Board protocol.

Board Chair Joe Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the protocol. The motion was made and seconded. No one opposed. The Board Protocol was approved as written.

PUBLIC INPUT AND CELEBRATIONS

Community member and former Board member Jayson Todd Morris shared that he wrote a memoir about his 40 years of disability advocacy work. The book is called *Against the Current*.

Cat Braid, DDCS announced the [2026 Virtual Community Summit](#) on June 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

REPORTS

KING COUNTY DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Magan Cromar, DDECSD shared the Early Supports Supervisor position closed on May 2. Staff were invited to give their program updates.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEAM

Holly Woo, DDECSD announced Ashley Ewings has moved to the Operations Team as the new Community Engagement Program Manager.

Ashley Ewings shared the following updates:

- [Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health 2026 Summit](#) on May 16 (virtual only)
- [Innovation Fund Request for Proposal](#) (due by May 15)

- Workforce Development Training – [Behavior and Belonging: Race, Innocence, and Restorative justice in Early Childhood](#) (May 30 and June 13)

ADULT SERVICES TEAM

Nico Chua, DDECSD shared the following training opportunities open to board members:

- Capacity Development Workshop: Race, Disability and Supported Employment Series Part 1: Wednesday, May 6 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- [Race, Disability, and Power in Supported Employment](#) Part 2: Tuesday, June 9 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Board members are welcome to attend, even if they were not able to attend Part 1 of the training.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION, OUTREACH, AND REFERRAL TEAM

Holly Woo, DDECSD announced the [King County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Early Childhood Supports Resource Fair](#) on May 28.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS), DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES (DDCS)

Cat Braid, DSHS/DDCS shared the following service changes:

- **Reimagining DSHS Updates:** We are returning to the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). Secretary Angela Ramirez anticipates this being completed by 6/30/26. Dana Phelps is the Interim Assistant Secretary.
 - Residential Habilitation Centers and State-Operated Living Alternatives will be coming back to DDA.
 - Secretary Message on Reimagine DSHS was shared with community partners.
 - Overarching goal of removing barriers to services remains.
- **Community Engagement Forums:**
 - DDCS has launched regional community engagement forums. This will be an opportunity for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families to share suggestions about service delivery and processes directly with regional DDCS staff.
 - Participants can provide input on changes currently under consideration. This is your chance to improve programs for the people who use DDCS' services and the families who support them.
 - Please see the attached flyer for registration information.
 - Next forums: July 30, 2026, and October 29, 2026.

The Minutes were updated to add the following additional information from Cat Braid's original presentation not included in the slides shared with the audience during the meeting:

- **Hiring Updates:** We have posted multiple Case Resource Manager positions this spring. Applicant pools have been competitive!
 - The Health-Related Social Needs Referral and Authorization Case Managers have been hired.
 - Initial services rollout under this program starts 7/1. We are still learning about this program and how to access it and will share updates in future meetings.

- **House Bill 1390**, which ends the Community Protection program, passed. Details about the changes are not available yet, but more information will be shared soon.
- **Front Door Screening Process:** Community feedback is being integrated. Screeners are receiving additional training to be more person-centered in this process, and limit how often a requester is asked for the same information. Work is being done to implement these changes.

DDECSD RESOURCE FAIR

Jenna Wolfstone, DDECSD announced the DDECSD Resource Fair will be held on Thursday, May 28 from 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Microsoft Conference Center, Room B33, in Redmond. For more information and to see the exciting changes for 2026, visit our website:

www.kingcounty.gov/disabilities-fair.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Ramona Hattendorf, The Arc of King County gave an overview of the 2026 state legislative session. More details are available in her presentation. You can also sign up for [The Arc of King County's Newsletter](#) to learn more about issues and opportunities for people with disabilities and their allies.

BOARD RECRUITMENT

The Board for Developmental Disabilities is looking for King County residents who are interested in serving on the Board. The Board is a 9-15-member citizen advisory board that helps guide and oversee services for people with I/DD, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and other neurological conditions, as well as their families. The Board values diverse perspectives and life experiences.

People of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including:

- People with disabilities;
- People of color;
- Immigrants and refugees;
- Women;
- LGBTQIA+; and
- Veterans.

To learn more or to express interest, please contact Jim Ott, Community Information, Outreach, and Referral Manager at 206-263-9060 or by email at Jim.Ott@kingcounty.gov. You can also visit: <https://kingcounty.gov/DDBoard>.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board for Developmental Disabilities meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2026, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting, held in person at the King County Tukwila office located at 625 Andover Parkway W., Suite 200, Hallway Meeting Room 2, Tukwila.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Prepared by:
Michaëlle Monday

Attested by:
Jim Ott