

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment



Legislative Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 19, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Patti Dailey-Shives, Chair; Nancy Zellers, Vice Chair; Jaida Barrows, Marsha Cutting, Lucas Doelman, Steve Lewis, Brit Nuckles, Kristina Sawyckyj, and Napal Tesfai. Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz.

AGENDA

1. Approval of agenda and minutes. (Quorum = 7). Agenda: Marsha made a motion to approve the agenda and Nancy seconded the motion. None were opposed and the agenda was approved as written. Minutes: Marsha made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve seconded the motion. None were opposed and the minutes were approved as written.
2. Discussion about any upcoming bills. Brit shared Disability Rights Washington's (DRW) bills priorities:

<https://disabilityrightswa.org/legislative-agenda/>

Other bill topics were discussed:

- Housing density
- On Bainbridge Island, there are five sets of housing plans, if you use one of those, you don't have go through permitting. All plans are accessible except for the tiny home.
- [Accessory Dwelling Units \(ADUs\)](#)

- Solitary confinement is directly affecting people with disabilities
- [Trueblood Lawsuit](#)
- Access to housing after release from prison helps a person not reoffend. This directly affects people with disabilities.
- Assaulting healthcare workers during a mental health crisis
- Isolation and restraint in schools are used more for kids with IEPs and 504 plans

Elizabeth shared her spreadsheet of pre-filed bills. The bills started dropping on December 1. The Legislative Subcommittee will help choose 8-10 bill priorities for GCDE. Once the Legislative session starts on January 12, Elizabeth will share a spreadsheet of bills divided into tiers with tier 1 directly affecting people with disabilities.

3. Cross Disability Action Network (CDAN): CDAN meets at 6:00 pm on Thursdays. They will start meeting weekly when the Legislative session starts. Please let Elizabeth know if you would like the meeting link.
4. Suggestions for upcoming training topics. We will send out a poll requesting training topics for future meetings.

Next meeting is Friday, January 16, 2026, at 9:00 am