



Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)

Employment Workgroup Meeting | Feb 26, 2026, | 9:00-9:45am

Agenda

1: Welcome to the Employment workgroup meeting – call to order – Brit N.

2: Roll Call –Brit N.

- i. Members expected: Ivyanne Van Der Peet, Amy Cloud, Brit Nuckles [Yvonne conflict]
- ii. Staff: Emily Spears, (Elaine Stefanowicz & Elizabeth Gordon TBD)

3: Housekeeping rules –Brit N.

- a. Please state your name prior to speaking, raise your hand to make a comment, and speak slowly & 1 at a time. This is a safe space for ideas.

4: Recruitment discussion – Brit/all

- **This is a small group. We will need to build up membership for 2026 once new members are appointed**, and could consider asking folks (i.e., Lucas, Cullynn) who participated in the Employer Awards program formerly. **Discuss recruitment.**

5: Planning activities –Brit/all

a. Status update on member assignments

- a. Staff has reviewed (TBD) the **resource guide. Should we target send out in early 2026?**

b. Recap of actions proposed at last meeting

- a. **Ideas for 2026 activities: we will revisit these ideas when new members are appointed to get buy-in before proceeding.**

- i. Lunch and learns focused on disability employment (supported employment)
- ii. Brainstorming on actionable strategies for transportation & employment (PWD)
 1. Host a statewide meeting on transportation?
- iii. Training on reasonable accommodation for job interviews
- iv. Resource sharing on tax incentives/benefits for hiring PWD (include WLAD info)
- v. Hosting ADA trainings in partnership with the NW ADA Center
- vi. Partnering with the statewide EO 24-05 employment consortium workgroup

5: Next Meeting date, time, and cadence– reminder –

- a. Our next meeting will be on **Thu., Mar. 26 at 9am**. Members should have received a calendar invite for the 2026 meeting series (**4th Thurs. at 9am**) from Emily.