



Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)
Community Outreach Subcommittee Meeting | November 10th, 2025, | 4:33-5:03 pm

Minutes

1: Welcome to the Community Outreach meeting – call to order – Marsha Cutting

Meeting called to order by presiding Chair Marsha Cutting at 4:33pm.

2: Roll Call – any known absences? (Quorum = 4, excluding staff) – Marsha Cutting

Present:

Staff: Emily Spears, Elizabeth Gordon

Subcommittee members: Daniel Ledgett, Marsha Cutting, Lyn Sowdon (partial)

Absent: Ivyanne Van Der Peet (excused), Patti Dailey-Shives, Lucy Barefoot – Associate, Dave Carl

Quorum met.

3: Housekeeping rules & approve last meeting minutes – Marsha Cutting

Standard housekeeping rules reviewed (state your name, raise your hand, speak slowly & 1 at a time).

Motion called to approve last meeting minutes (quorum met – Lyn moves, Daniel seconds – minutes approved as written).

4: Planning for the future, next steps – Marsha Cutting

a. *Discussing how to move forward: next steps – Marsha/all*

- **Planning a possible statewide listing session (virtual) – At the last meeting, we asked folks to be thinking about possible discussion topics, and Lyn/Marsha volunteered to draft a survey to ACAC's on the prevalence of certain issues (after hours transport and wheelchairs in emergencies). Status update?**
 - i. Elizabeth was not able to attend last time – does she have any thoughts/concerns? Marsha recapped the last meeting and her research on the wheelchairs in emergencies issue in the interim.
 - ii. Re: the topic: Elizabeth worries based on other experience that a lot of folks are in crisis right now, is this topic too narrow (albeit important and possibly impactful)? Originally, we talked about asking the community how they are doing – what are the issues they are encountering. Is going in with a preconceived topic best given this? We couldn't do a listening session prior to legislative session – if SAIL is working on the wheelchair issue, maybe we could partner with legislative subcommittee to work together on education/outreach during legislative session instead to meet the need? It is the right time of year to

narrow our focus prior to the end of year. Shawn L. was told the wheelchairs in emergencies wasn't an issue with a legislative fix – Marsha agrees. Emergency planning may be a place to impact it. CIEP (thru WASILC) has been working to try to get someone in WA who is funded to work on emergency planning for PWD – they may be able to influence legislation around this. Funding would be needed (likely not possible this year). **Emily will check their notes to see if the position was mentioned at this CIEP month's meeting – not seen.** The solution would need to be statewide. Thank you for the groundwork. We have an idea and will see what comes out of it.

- iii. Re: the privacy concerns, if security is setup correctly (no permission to use video/unmute unless granted by the hosts) – we may be able to mitigate security issues for a listening session.
- iv. Re: partnering with ACAC's – they are not widespread, so we may not want to limit the participation in that regard.
- **Succession planning** – *Yvonne has someone in mind to ask to step up as CO Chair, Marsha to connect with her about it soon.*
 - i. Others would have to carry forward the work, which may be strange (not present today).
 - ii. Should we bring this topic idea to legislative? We may need to pause until we have new GCDE members next year.

5: Next Meeting date, time, & cadence– subcommittee members – currently 2nd Mondays at 4:30pm.

Next meeting December 8, 2025, at 4:30pm – invite forthcoming -- it will be Marsha's last meeting as CO Chair. Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm. Thanks to all for attending.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Stay tuned for the next meeting invite.
- We will pause until we have new members, and the GCDE leadership team will discuss the next CO Chair soon. We have an idea and will see what comes out of it – we could also discuss cross pollination on this project at an upcoming CC meeting.