



Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)
Employment Workgroup Meeting | Jan. 9th, 2026, | 10am-10:30am

Minutes

1: Welcome to the Employment workgroup meeting – call to order – Yvonne Bussler-White

Yvonne is dealing with something at work and may be late. Amy is ill and may not attend or be in listen mode only. Staff will check with those remaining about if we want to move fwd. or cancel for today. Elizabeth provided Brit a quick update on the EO 24-05 employment consortium that GCDE is convening and possible overlap.

2: Roll Call – Yvonne Bussler-White

- a. Members expected: Yvonne Bussler White TBD, Ivyanne Van Der Peet, Amy Cloud TBD, Brit Nuckles
 - a. 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, Cullyn) who participated in the Employer Awards program formerly.
- b. Staff: Emily Spears, (Elaine Stefanowicz & Elizabeth Gordon TBD)

3: Housekeeping rules – Yvonne Bussler-White

- 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: Planning activities – Yvonne/all

- a. Recap of actions proposed at last meeting
 - a. Ideas for 2026 activities:
 - 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
 - b. Status update on member assignments
 - a. Staff has reviewed (TBD) the resource guide. Should we target send out in early 2026?

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

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