



Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment (GCDE)  
Employment Workgroup Meeting | April 23, 2026, | 9:00-9:45am

## Minutes

### 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 Bussler White
- ii. Staff: Elaine Stefanowicz & Elizabeth Gordon (Emily Spears absent)

### 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, Cullyn) who participated in the Employer Awards program formerly. **Discuss recruitment (new members update, messaging to GM with invite to participate/list of ideas).**

### 5: Planning activities –Brit/all: **update on inviting partners**

#### a. Status update on member assignments

- a. Staff has reviewed (TBD) the **resource guide**. **Should we target send out in early 2026? Revisit public posting/announcement to general membership.**

#### b. Recap of actions proposed at last meeting – ***pick one to start work on while we await new members (pending capacity)***

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

- i. Lunch and learns focused on disability employment (supported employment) – *folks were interested in this idea last meeting [discrimination, resources, advocacy, law, possible recording – possible audience specific format]*
- ii. Brainstorming on actionable strategies for transportation & employment (PWD)
  1. Host a statewide meeting on transportation? *[not discussed last meeting]*
- iii. Training on reasonable accommodation for job interviews *[see item #1]*
- iv. Resource sharing on tax incentives/benefits for hiring PWD (include WLAD info) – *not discussed last meeting*

- v. Hosting ADA trainings in partnership with the NW ADA Center – *not discussed last meeting*
- vi. Partnering with the statewide EO 24-05 employment consortium workgroup – *not discussed last meeting*

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

- a. Our next meeting will be on **Thu., May 28, 2026 at 9am**. Members should have received a calendar invite for the 2026 meeting series (**4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. at 9am**) from Emily.