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Youth Empowerment Program Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 3, 2026
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Attendees: Kristin DiBiase, Chair; Lucas Doelman, Co-Vice Chair; Autumn Harris; Co-Vice Chair; Lyn Snowdon and Nancy Zellers. Staff: Elizabeth Gordon and Elaine Stefanowicz

1. Approve agenda and minutes. Agenda: Lyn made a motion to approve the agenda and Nancy seconded. None were opposed. Agenda approved as written. Minutes: Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes and Lyn seconded. None were opposed. Minutes approved as written.
2. Youth Listening Session Event Planning. Kristin and Autumn discussed having multiple small group listening sessions for youth to share opinions. We would create a small set of questions for each group.

Elizabeth reminded everyone that the 18-24 age group was decided at the last meeting. She then went over the one-pager that was created by staff. It was suggested that we add the GCDE mission statement. We can have a smaller pilot group of youth who create the Youth Advisory Council program. We need youth at the beginning stage of planning. We can gather 5-10 individuals and work together to collaborate.

Nancy suggested that youth could go to their local WorkSource offices to use their computers with cameras.

We can recruit 10 youth and choose 5-6 to participate and get their opinions. The pilot is a listening session, and we can ask targeted questions. The result will be a tangible project of forming the Youth Advisory Council. We can use the one-pager for the Youth Advisory Council Pilot. We need to figure out first date of Pilot and add to one-pager. "Help us build this program."

Action Items: Members were asked to come to next meeting with places to recruit youth. Kristin said she will send the one-pager to Disability Justice Collective at Seattle University. Members were also asked to review the draft application and one-pager. We need to decide what time of year to have youth come together—possibly fall?

3. We will meet twice per month (subcommittee meeting first Friday of the month and workgroup third Friday of the month).

Next Meeting (Work Group): April 17, 2026