



Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment  
Coordinating Committee Meeting  
Friday, June 5, 2026, 11:00am-12:00pm via Zoom

## Minutes

**11:00: Welcome, call to order, roll call, housekeeping:** *Yvonne Bussler-White, GCDE Chair* (5 min)

Meeting called to order by presiding Chair Yvonne Bussler-White at 11 am. Welcome to all. Standard housekeeping items reviewed: state your name prior to speaking, raise your hand to make a comment, speak slowly and one at a time, this is a safe space for ideas. Roll call:

**Staff present:** Emily Spears, Elaine Stefanowicz, Elizabeth Gordon

**Members present:** Yvonne Bussler-White, Steve Lewis, Brit Nuckles, Nancy Zellers, Amy Cloud, Cullyn Foxlee, Kristin DiBiase

**Quorum:** 6 (met)

**11:05: Mentoring training:** *Yvonne Bussler-White, GCDE Chair* (30 min)

Yvonne reviewed a training on mentorship. The slides will be sent out after the meeting. Topics covered included starting with connection, demystifying the landscape, setting clear expectations, building confidence (not dependence), giving honest feedback with care, modeling good committee citizenship, staying invested, & having a learning mindset.

**11:35: Mentors – what worked well from Amy, Dave, Nancy, and Patti & who is willing to serve this year:** *Cullyn Foxlee, GCDE Vice-Chair* (15 min)

Cullyn led a conversation on what worked well from last year's mentors, and who is willing to serve this year.

What worked well:

- Having this presentation prior to being a mentor would be helpful (ongoing contact, items to cover, timeline/structure to tailor to the member's interests)
- Following the lead of the mentee – whether it is a few questions or a presentation
- Having mentors in leadership positions is helpful, extending the information to subcommittees for collaboration

Who is interested in serving:

- Kristin doesn't have the capacity to serve as a 1:1 mentor but will share what she can in subcommittee engagement

**11:50: New member orientation—agenda overview and expectations:** *Yvonne Bussler-White, GCDE Chair* (5 min)

Yvonne reviewed a PPT on New Member Orientation for the 9-10 new members, which will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> (connection time TBD). Slides will be sent following the meeting. Topics included: our role in NMO, subcommittee chair orientation, & final thoughts. We give new members the option of sharing out their info, but could create space for introductions at subcommittee meetings if interested, and/or connect folks with the chairs (in-person if desired) and subcommittees for scheduling. Please keep staff apprised of any concerns, and any input on the operations manual, as well as how to get folks connected.

**11:55: Recap next steps:** *Cullyn Foxlee, GCDE Vice-Chair* (5 min)

Cullyn recapped next steps:

- Yvonne's PPT slides on Mentorship and New Member Orientation will be sent following the meeting (Cullyn will share their notes with Yvonne)
- Mentors will be paired with new members, more information to come.

**12:00: Adjourn.**

**Next Coordinating Committee Meeting:** Friday July, 24, 2026 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Let us know if you have any topic suggestions.