

Legislative Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
August 21, 2026
9:00 am

Meeting Purpose: To prepare for the 2026/2027 legislation session.

Meeting Results:

By the end of the meeting participants will:

- Discuss list of legislative priorities
- Share what's going on in your local area

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Person(s) Responsible</u>
9:00	Call meeting to order/roll call (Q=6)	Patti Dailey-Shives, Chair
9:05	Agenda/minutes approval	Patti Dailey-Shives, Chair
	<u>Agenda:</u> Lucas made a motion to approve the agenda and Amy seconded the motion. There were no objections. Agenda approved as written. <u>Minutes:</u> Brit made a motion to approve the minutes and Lucas seconded the motion. There were no objections, Minutes were approved as written.	
9:10	Introductions	All
	Members were asked their name, the city where they live and one fun fact about themselves.	
9:20	List of Legislative Priorities	Elizabeth Gordon
	Elizabeth discussed a new process for choosing legislative priorities. Staff will send out a Survey Monkey, and all GCDE members will choose their top three (3) priorities.	
	Some priorities mentioned:	
	▪ Vocational rehabilitation ▪ Medicaid and food stamps (TANF) ▪ LEAD-K (Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf kids) • It is an unfinished policy effort. Since 2016, then again in 2022, and most recently this year in 2026. Language Access is important priority, the Deaf community, discussing a lot about LEAD-K.	

- Administrative burdens. Decrease fraud. Keeps people with disabilities from being able to apply.

VOTE: Amy made a motion and Patti seconded a motion to change the process to determine legislative priorities by submitting Elizabeth's list to all GCDE membership for review and selection. That list would go to the Legislative subcommittee for further prioritizing, focus and task development. The goal is to serve effectively and efficiently for the benefit of all people in Washington state with disabilities. Subject to post-session review and amendment.

None were opposed. Motion approved.

Elizabeth said that we will send out the current list of legislative priorities, and we will add transportation, self-employment, administrative burden. Let us know by Wednesday, September 16 if you have additions. Elizabeth will talk with Yvonne about this process.

9:50

Roundtable Discussion

All

- Seattle has a big population of people who are trans. There is a correlation between being disabled and trans and people can experience violence easily. It was proposed that we look at the Medicaid work requirement. People are still facing discrimination in obtaining services.
- Intersectional identities LGBTQ + immigration. Seattle state of emergency released \$300,000.

10:00

Adjourn

Next meeting: Friday, September 25, 2026, at 9:00 am