



The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities

The Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain
2025 East Riverway Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55414
Wednesday, August 2, 2023

9:30 am –2:30 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Shervheim, Council Chair
Jenny Arndt
Jason Blomquist
Dupree Edwards
Lisa Gemlo
Amy Hewitt
Lisa Jemtrud
Heather Kainz
Lesli Kerkhoff
Joel Liestman (virtual)
Elizabeth Marsh
Katie McDermott
Alan Morrison
Christine Mueller
Michael Nichols
Garrett Petrie (virtual)
Jennifer Purrington
Jennifer Santema
Reid Scheller
Erin Schwab
Bonnie Jean Smith
Sumukha Terakanambi

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Abdi Matan
Chris McVey
Connie Rabideaux

GUESTS

Karen DeYoung
Dan Reed
Sourabh Terakanambi

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Nelson
Paul Nevin
Colleen Wieck

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lee Shervheim at 9:32 am.

2. **MEETING CONTEXT**

Shervheim introduced himself and his reasons for seeking an appointment. He encouraged everyone to share their stories, experiences, and knowledge. He urged members to have fun. He also explained that he would appoint all members to one of two standing committees (the Grant Review Committee and the Public Policy Committee).

3. **AGENDA FOR THE DAY**

Karen DeYoung shared the agenda for the day. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold: provide an orientation and get to know one another.

4. **STARGAZERS VIDEO**

The Council members watched the *Stargazers Video: A 50-year history of the Council's achievements.* This video premiered at the 50th Anniversary celebration held in October 2021.

5. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Karen DeYoung asked Council members to introduce themselves and answer the following questions:

- a. What is your name?
- b. Where are you from?
- c. What is your role?
- d. How are you a Stargazer?

6. **ORIENTATION TO THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ACT AND THE COUNCIL'S ROLE**

Colleen Wieck, Executive Director, presented a PowerPoint about the DD Act and the Council's role. Copies were provided to the members.

7. **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS HIP-HOP MUSIC VIDEO**

Dupree Edwards introduced the video and thanked the Council for the opportunity to do this. He hopes it encourages people to submit complaints and that people can sing this if their rights are violated. This video was taped in May as part of the 245D Bill of Rights training series that will be released soon.

8. **ORIENTATION CONTINUES**

Wieck continued with the orientation presentation. Each member received the Attorney General's Handbook, the Developmental Disabilities Act, the Five-Year Plan goals and allocation, and the Operating Policies. Lee Shervheim provided a brief overview of Robert's Rules of Order because the Council must formalize its decisions and record them, especially any motions related to funding grants and contracts.

9. **LEADERSHIP EXERCISE**

Karen DeYoung led a leadership exercise. She read "The Power of 'I' Leadership Poem." The Council members teamed up with another member and discussed their reactions to the poem. Each member then shared what stood out to them most.

10. **NEXT STEPS**

- a. Stephanie Nelson, Council Planner, shared that the Council will collaborate with the Minnesota Council on Disability at their State Fair Booth on August 29, 2023. Nelson asked that Council members volunteer to work at the State Fair.
- b. Wieck shared information and new products promoting the Treat People Like People Campaign. Council members were given samples of the merchandise that will be distributed at the State Fair.
- c. Dan Reed, a former Council member, described the Ambassadors for Respect program and asked for help recruiting schools to host the training program.
- d. Wieck shared information about the Council's publications and where they can be ordered.
- e. The next meeting is October 4, 2023, and the Council will again meet as a committee of the whole to listen to subgrantees present about their performance results.

11. **PER DIEM POLICY AMENDED**

Shervheim called for a motion to amend the current Per Diem policy so that public members who work a shift at the State Fair can receive a per diem of \$55.00. **Motion:** Santema moved, and McDermott seconded that the Per Diem policy be amended to include working at the State Fair as an eligible activity for public members to receive a per diem of \$55.00.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The staff was asked to add a public comment section at the end of the Council meeting agenda.

The staff was asked to investigate how to connect and share events between meetings.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Smith moved, seconded by McDermott, that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Wieck
Executive Director

The Power of I Leadership Poem

I will do more.
I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
And what I can do, I ought to do.
And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.
I will do more than belong, I will participate.
I will do more than care, I will help.
I will do more than believe, I will practice.
I will do more than be fair, I will be kind.
I will do more than dream, I will work.
I will do more than teach, I will inspire.
I will do more than earn, I will enrich.
I will do more than give, I will serve.
I will do more than live, I will grow.
I will do more than talk, I will act.
I will be more than good; I will be good for something.
--Anonymous