DRAFT MINUTES – COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL
Monday, May 11, 2026
625 SILVER AVENUE SW, SUITE 100A
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Members Present:

Self-Advocates
Crystal Garcia
Elisheva Levin, Secretary
Amelia Ann Dickey
Laurel Deans
Richard Segura

Family Members
Jo Ellen Ranson
Joel Davis, Chair
Joseph Jaramillo
Tarra Main
Selma Ramos Nevarez

Agencies' Present
John Arango (CLSC), Past Chair
Patricia Osbourn (UNM CDD - Proxy)
Laurie Ross-Brennan (Non-Government Agency)
Sec. Elizabeth Groginsky (ECECD), Vice Chair
Tim Gardner (DRNM – Proxy)
Sec. Emily Kaltenbach (ALTSD)
Mario Lucero (DVR - Proxy)
Sec. Valerie Sandoval (CYFD)
Sec. Gina DeBlassie (DOH)
Sec. Kari Armijo (HCA)
Jill Vice (PED - OSE)

Staff Present
Jennifer Sanchez (Interim Director)
Joe Turk (OOG Legal Director)
Michelle Tregembo (State Special Education Ombud)
Michelle Varela (Chief Financial Officer)
Donna Vigil (Chief Operating Officer)
Daniel Ekman (CSA Program Manager)
Lucero Estrada (Executive Office Assistant)

Advocates Absent
Lystra John

Family Members Absent
Valentin Anaya, Treasurer
Deanna Cole

Agencies Absent
Isaiah Fuller (Service Provider)
Lanthia Miles (Non-Government Agency)

Additional Attendees
Marylou Poli (ALTSD)
Scott Doan (HCA/DDSD)
Emily Stern (ECEC)
Roxanna Gates (Guardian)
Fallon Vincell (Guardian)

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM. Attendance recorded.

Public Comment

- No public comments.

Introductions & Icebreaker

- Icebreaker skipped.

Approval of Agenda – Action Item (10:17 AM)

- Amendment approved to move Executive Session before member announcements. Motion by John Arango, seconded by Elizabeth Groginsky. Passed unanimously.

Approval of March 2, 2026, Quarterly Meeting Minutes – Action Item (10:22 AM)

- Discussions regarding clarifications on Executive Director hiring language.
- Additional corrections requested (Down Syndrome reference, page numbers).
- Motion to approve by John Arango; seconded by Emily Kaltenbach. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Action Item Entered at 10:24 AM

- New Mexico Open Meeting Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2): The closed session is limited to discussion of the matters identified in the motion.
- Exit Executive Session at 11:02 AM No notes. No Action items.

Member Announcements (11:13 AM)

- Pat Osbourn: UNM-CDD reopening diagnostic waiting pool June 1, limited monthly capacity.
- Joel Davis: Announcements regarding upcoming Inclusion in Play event (May 16) and Adaptive Sports fly-fishing event (June 19).

Presentation: Supported Decision Making (SDM) Team (11:15 AM)

- One-year anniversary highlighted June 8th, 2026.
- Reviewed SDM legal options, guardianship context, alternatives, and efforts to formalize SDM agreements.

- Current efforts include developing forms (June/July), public education, and collaboration with legal partners.

Lunch Break (12:09 PM)

Council Chair & Executive Director Reports (12:50 PM)

- Recruitment for Executive Director underway; budget issues discussed – P727 in the black currently and P737 in a deficit. Work with DFA is ongoing.
- Five-year plan development emphasized, tied to future grant awards and transitions DDC goals and objectives into next administration.
- HR updates: multiple vacant positions and recent hires.
- Program updates included OSEO caseloads and outreach, OOG initiatives (media outreach, guardianship staff, waitlist status), CSA programs, new podcast launch, social groups, job program revival, grants cycle updates, and federal award details.
- Cultural and operational improvements noted, including leadership meetings, policy reviews, conference participation, and preparations for transitioning administrations.

Accessible Voting Presentation (1:09 PM)

- Overview of improving voting access for individuals with DD by John Arango.
- Suggestions: partner with League of Women Voters, educate on voting rights, coordinate with Secretary of State on assistance and ID requirements, explore project initiatives for obtaining IDs.
- Clarifications provided regarding voting rights and Real ID concerns.

Five-Year Plan Presentation & Approval – Action Item (1:18 PM)

- Survey results summarized (265 responses) identifying priority areas such as services, financial stability, health, employment, education, and disability laws.
- Discussion on goal alignment, measurability, and roles of council vs. partners.
- Concerns raised about clarity of benchmarks and expectations.
- **Action Item - Motion approved** to allow council members until May 25 at 5 PM to submit feedback; Executive Committee authorized to integrate comments and post for 45-day review by May 29. Passed unanimously.

Announcements & Meeting Evaluation (2:11 PM)

- Pat Osbourn: IMAGINE Conference scheduled for May 21–22 at Hotel Albuquerque.
- Joel Davis: Next council meeting set for July 27; special meeting may be needed regarding Executive Director hiring.

Adjournment (2:14 PM)

- Motion to adjourn by John Arango; seconded by Tim Gardner. Passed unanimously.