

**APPROVED MINUTES – COUNCIL QUARTERLY
MEETING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

Monday, February 10, 2025
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM
11:15 AM – 1:15 PM

Members Present

Advocates

Laurel Deans
Amelia-Ann Dickey
Crystal Garcia
Lystra John
Elisheva Levin
Richard Segura

Family Members

Joel Davis, Chair
Katie Stone, Vice Chair
Jennifer Sanchez, Secretary
Joseph Melvyn Jaramillo
Tarra Main
Selma Ramos Nevarez
Jo Ellen Ransom

Agencies Present

John Arango (CLSC)
Scott Doan, proxy (HCA, DDSD)
Gary Housepian (DRNM)
Tim Gardner, proxy (DRNM)
Lanthia Miles (Non-Government Agency)
Patricia Osbourn (UNM, CDD)
Laurie Ross-Brennan (Non-Government Agency)

Staff Present

Alice Liu McCoy (Executive Director)
Joe Turk (OOG Legal Director)
Shasta Inman (OOG Attorney Supervisor)
Michelle Varela (Chief Financial Officer)
Michelle Tregembo (Special Education State Ombud)
Eduardo Ugarte II (NMDOJ Assistant Attorney General)

Advocates Absent

None

Family Members Absent

Valentin Anaya, Treasurer
Deanna Cole

Agencies Absent

Margaret Cage (PED)
Allegra Carpenter (CYFD)
Gina DeBlassie (DOH)
Christie Guinn, proxy (HCA, MAD)
Elizabeth Groginsky (ECECD)
Mario Lucero, proxy (DVR)
Marylou Poli, proxy (ALTSD)

Public Guests

Jim Jackson
Gail Stewart

Call to Order/ Housekeeping

Chair Joel Davis called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and housekeeping was conducted. The meeting convened at 11:00 AM.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of February 10, 2025 Agenda – Action Item

Alice Liu McCoy proposed an agenda amendment due to legislative meetings and late arrival of presenter. Katie Stone moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Jennifer Sanchez. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of November 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Alice Liu McCoy announced that the draft minutes have not been finalized due to the rush of the Legislative Session. No minutes were presented at the meeting. Katie Stone moved to defer the action item until the next quarterly Council meeting. Laurel Deans seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Chair & Executive Director Report

Alice Liu McCoy discussed the frequent meetings hosted by the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) to address policy changes at the federal level, including federal funding freezes and other Executive Orders issued by the President. Katie Stone and Amelia-Ann Dickey asked questions about how the federal activities would directly affect NM DDC.

2025 Legislative Session Update

Alice Liu McCoy discussed House Bill 149 Supported Decision Making Act, House Bill 260 Allowable Responses to Student Behavior, and Senate Bill 38 Special Education Act. Katie Stone, Elisheva Levin, Tim Gardner, Jennifer Sanchez, and Patricia Osbourn discussed the proposed move of the special education ombud from DDC to Public Education Department.

Katie discussed House Bill 120. Tarra Main discussed House Bill 31. Tarra, Michelle Tregembo, and Alice discuss concerns about how a fourth degree felony for bomb and gun threats would affect students with disabilities. Joel Davis discussed Senate Bill 120.

Jim Jackson arrived and presented multiple disability-related legislation. Tim, Joel, Gary Housepian, and Jennifer discussed concerns with competency bills.

Member Announcements

Amelia-Ann Dickey announced that she moved to her own place for the first time. Joe Turk reminded members that Disability Rights Awareness Day is February 13. Katie Stone and Laurie Ross-Brennan discussed establishing the next Council meeting date quickly to reserve time on calendars.

Adjourn

The next meeting will be held in April 2025. Motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Sanchez and seconded by Laurel Deans. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:08 PM.