**Notice of Public Meeting**

**Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD)**

**Full Council Meeting**

**March 13, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. to Adjournment**

**To Join Meeting by Zoom:**

   Join by Computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89443863706>

Join by Phone: 669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 894 4386 3706

Those wishing to provide public comment may do so by calling into the meeting or by submitting a written public comment by email to Rebecca Ortiz at [rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov)

Relevant or supporting materials are available by contacting Rebecca Ortiz: (775) 684-8619, [rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov) or on our website: [www.nevadaddcouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/" \o "Website for Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities). You can also visit our office at 406 East Second Street, Carson City, NV 89701.

1. All participants must use the “raise hand” feature in zoom or raise your hand in your camera and wait to be called on by the Chair in order to make comments.
2. All participants joining virtually, please remain muted unless speaking.
3. All Council Members, please TURN ON cameras.
4. All Council Members, any comments placed in the chat will be read aloud for the record. Please refrain from using this feature unless it is for accessibility.
5. All general public participants, please withhold remarks until Public Comment, unless called on by the Chair of this Council.
6. For anyone making comments, please state and spell your last name with each comment.
7. Real time closed captioning is provided. Participants wishing to use this service will need to turn it on at the start of each meeting.

# Call to Order, Introductions, and Verify Timely Posting of Agenda

Council Chair or Vice Chair will call the meeting to order, call for verification of timely posting of the agenda, in accordance with Open Meeting Law and call for introductions.

# Land Acknowledgement

The Council Chair or Vice Chair will read the Land Acknowledgement for the record.

The Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, as a program whose designated state agency is the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, acknowledges, honors, and respects the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this land and recognize the State of Nevada is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwu, Newe, Numu, Wa She Shu, and Hopi tribes. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to work alongside our Tribal partners. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in acknowledgement and continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism.

# Public Comment

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# Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes

**For Possible Action:** Council Chair or Vice Chair will open the floor for discussion and vote of the December 5, 2024, Council minutes for approval, denial, or modification.

# Chair and Vice Chair Elections

**For Possible Action:** Christine Riggi, Current Council Chair, will invite Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director to provide information on the elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Council for 2025 and 2026. Information presented will include names of nominees and a possible vote will be taken to appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair. Council members not listed below may also be nominated during this agenda item.

* Chair Nominees:
  + Stacy Alaribe
  + Anna Marie Binder
  + Maxmillian Lowe
  + Christine Riggi
* Vice-Chair Nominees:
  + Stacy Alaribe
  + Maxmillian Lowe
  + Randall Owen
  + Christine Riggi
  + Vivian Turner

# Presentation from Las Vegas Deaf Seniors and the Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Speech Impaired on the Deaf Engagement Conference and Potential Support for the Deaf Seniors of America in Kansas City, Missouri

**For Possible Action:** New Appointed Council Chair will invite Shelly Freed from Las Vegas Deaf Seniors and Obioma Officer, Executive Director, from the Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Speech Impaired to provide information on the Deaf Engagement Conference in December 2024 hosted with Council funding. Additional conversation and a possible vote will be taken to provide financial support for two LVDS representatives to attend the Deaf Seniors of American Conference in August 2025 for Council approval, denial, or modification.

# Grantee Presentations

**For Possible Action:** New Appointed Council Vice-Chair will invite Marisol Rivas, Council Staff - Projects Manager, to introduce the grantees and open the floor for their presentation. Information presented may be considered for action by the Council for approval, denial, or modification. A possible vote will be taken to make a potential change in the Global Technical Communications contract to eliminate the need for an interpreter report through this contract and to add support for first responders to receive training and sign language packages.

* Grantee: Global Technical Communications, Interpreter Grant, FFY 24

# Aging and Disability Services Division ADA Title II Policy Presentation

**For Information Only:** Council Chair will invite Samantha D’Ambrosio-Garcia and Shannon Ivy from Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) to present information on the ASDS ADA Title II Policy Draft for stakeholder information. This presentation will entail a conversation to include gathering of feedback from Council members.

# Presentation from the Arc of Nevada

**For Possible Action:** New Appointed Council Chair will invite Michelle Gorelow, Executive Director of the ARC of Nevada, to present information about their organization and services provided by their agency. Additionally, a proposal for support will be presented. Information presented may be considered for action by the Council for approval, denial, or modification. A possible vote will be taken to consider and/or provide potential financial support for the organization to sustain self-advocacy efforts.

# Presentation from Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC)

**For Information Only:** New Appointed Council Chair will invite Kate Osti from Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC) to provide information on their organization and services provided by their agency.

# Presentation from DSOSN with Funding Support Proposal

**For Possible Action:** New Appointed Council Chair will invite NGCDD Executive Director and Peter Whittingham, DSOSN Executive Director, to present information about the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada and the programs currently supported through their efforts. Additional conversation and a possible vote will be taken to entail discussion and determination of potential support for partnership projects with DSOSN to advance the goals and objectives of the Council’s Five-Year State Plan for Council approval, denial, or modification.

# Committee Updates

**For Possible Action:** New Appointed Council Chair will invite Committee Chairs to present updates and recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council approval, denial, or modification. A possible vote will be taken for the potential approval of position statements and internal policies, as listed under the committees.

* Evaluation Committee, Stacey Alaribe
* Budget Committee, Vickie Ives
* Executive Committee, Christine Riggi
  + Council Meetings Policy
  + Council Purpose Policy
  + Duties and Responsibilities of Members Policy
  + Guidelines for Presentations and Speakers Policy
* Policy Committee, Stacey Alaribe
  + Position Statement on Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and Other Therapy Types
  + Position Statement on Housing
  + Position Statement on Restraints and Seclusion
  + Position Statement on Self-Advocacy
  + Position Statement on Crimes Against Individuals with I/DD

# Town Hall Report and Information on 5-Year State Plan

**For Possible Action:** New Appointed Council Vice-Chair will present information on the town halls that took place from May 2024-Jan 2025. Information to include a presentation on the information collected and discussed statewide and recommendations made. Vice-Chair will also facilitate discussion about input received from town hall and how the Council plans to apply the information into the next 5-Year State Plan. Action may be requested for Council approval, denial, or modification. A possible vote will be taken to include additions in next 5-Year State Plan and potential position statements.

# 2025 Legislative Session Information

**For Information Only:** New Appointed Council Chair will invite Catherine Nielsen, Council Executive Director, to provide information on the currently available Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) and information on the 2025 Legislative Session for discussion and information only. Additional information about bills the Council is tracking can be found on our website at: <https://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/legislative-information/>

# Developmental Disabilities Awareness Training and Advocacy Days Recap

**For Information Only:** New Appointed Council Chair present information on the 2025 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Training and Advocacy Days Discussion will include important notes from the event and details about number of attendees for discussion and information only.

# First Quarter Project Status Summary for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025

**For Possible Action:** New Appointed Council Chair will invite Council Staff to present updates from our current Five-Year State Plan goals, objectives, and activities for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 First Quarter Project Status Summary. Action may be requested for Council approval, denial, or modification. A possible vote will be taken to include additions or changes to current 5-Year State Plan goals, objectives, and activities.

# Council Member Updates

**For Information Only:** New Appointed Council Chair will invite Council Members to present on information of importance for themselves, families, or their individual agencies.

# Agenda Items for Consideration

**For Possible Action:** New Appointed Council Chair request agenda items for consideration for future meetings. A possible vote will be taken to approve, deny, or modify any of the future agenda item requests.

# Next Meeting Date

New Appointed Council Chair will present the next Council meeting date of June 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will take place via zoom.

# Public Comment

Council Chair or Vice Chair will call for public comment. (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under the public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. To provide public comment telephonically, dial **669-900-6833**. When prompted to provide the Meeting ID, enter **894 4386 3706**. Comments will be limited to two minutes per person. Persons making comments longer than two minutes will be asked to submit any additional comments in writing to the Council Staff.)

# Adjournment

Council Chair or Vice Chair will adjourn the meeting.

**Note:** Items may be considered out of order. The public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. The public body may place reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of public comments but may not restrict comments based upon viewpoint. **NRS 241.030(5)(b). § 8.06 Excluding people who are disruptive.** If a person willfully disrupts a meeting, to the extent that its orderly conduct is made impractical, the person may be removed from the meeting.

**Accommodations**: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations, including effective communication accommodations for members of the public who have disabilities that wish to attend the meeting. If accommodations are necessary, please notify Rebecca Ortiz at (775) 684-8619 or [rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov) as soon as possible; at least 3 business days in advance of the meeting. You can also visit our office at 406 East Second Street, Carson City, NV 89701.

**Note:** Public Comment will be limited to two minutes per person during the Public Comment Agenda Items at the beginning and end of the meeting and may also be submitted in advance to Rebecca Ortiz at [rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov](mailto:rortiz@dhhs.nv.gov).

**Please Post**

Agenda posted at the following locations:

* Opportunity Village: 6300 W. Oakey BLVD, Las Vegas, NV 89146
* So. NV Center for Independent Living: 2950 S. Rainbow BLVD, STE 220, Las Vegas, NV 89146
* DHHS & Website: 400 W King Street, Suite 300, Carson City, NV 89703
* NGCDD: 406 East Second Street, Carson City, NV 89701
* NDALC: 2820 W. Charleston BLVD, #11, Las Vegas, NV 89102
* NDALC: 1875 Plumas St., #1, Reno, NV 89509
* NCEP: 6375 W. Charleston BLVD, Las Vegas, NV 89146
* No. NV Center for Independent Living: 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
* Nevada State Library: 100 N. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701
* Rural Regional Center: 1550 E College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89706
* Sierra Regional Center: 605 S. 21st St., Sparks, NV 89431
* Desert Regional Center: 1391 S. Jones BLVD, Las Vegas, NV 89146
* State of Nevada Website: [https://notice.nv.gov](https://notice.nv.gov/)
* NGCDD Website: [www.nevadaddcouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/)