



Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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Open Meeting Notice for GCPD Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Meeting URL: [Zoom: https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd)

Join by Phone: (669) 254-5252; Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Welcome
2. Review and Approve January 30, 2025, Meeting Agenda
3. Review and Approve November 13, 2024, GCPD Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (10: 15 AM – 10:20 AM)
5. Liaison Updates
 - Sarah Kuehn, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
 - Colleen Larson, Wisconsin Technical College System
 - Eva Kubinski, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
6. Updates from Committees
 - GCPD Opportunities and Access Committee
 - Executive Committee
7. Update on Engage for Change
8. BREAK
9. Presentation on the Budget by Arielle Exner, Legislative Director, DHS
10. Q&A
11. Update from Workgroups
 - Transportation
 - Employment
 - Falconer and Blakeley Awards
 - United Councils
12. Council Updates
 - Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities, Ben Barrett



- Statutory Council on Blindness, Patty Zallar
- WI Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, BJ Ermenc

13. Discuss 2025 GCPD Quarterly Meeting Dates

14. Recap Action Items

15. Adjourn

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the governmental business outlined in the agenda. In 1948, a Governor's Committee was established with one goal: To improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The group's mission was broadened in 1976 to cover many aspects of disability in Wisconsin and became the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD). Unlike other disability councils in state government, the focus of the Governor's Committee includes all disabilities and six of its members represent specific disability constituencies: alcohol and other drug abuse; blindness and visual impairment; deaf and hard of hearing; developmental disabilities; mental health; and physical disabilities.

GCPD is charged with the following duties: Advise the Governor and state agencies on problems faced by people with disabilities. Review legislation affecting people with disabilities. Promote effective operation of publicly administered or supported programs serving people with disabilities. Promote the collection, dissemination, and incorporation of adequate information about people with disabilities for purposes of public planning at all levels of government. Promote public awareness of the needs and abilities of people with disabilities. Encourage the effective involvement of people with disabilities in government.

Notice of Accessibility

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