



## **Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities (CPD)**

### **Draft Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, March 27, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Location: Online via [Zoom](#) and telephone, Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716.**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- CPD Vice Chair Jason Ostrowski called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.
- **Members Present:** Ben Barrett, Ramsey Lee, Jason Ostrowski, Jackie Gordon, Stacy Ellingen, Mackenzie Wann, Karen Secor, and Artrell Mason.
- **Members Absent:** Julie Blasky.
- **DHS Staff Present:** Angela Brenna and Zachary Davenport.
- **ASL Interpreters:** Kim Barr, and Nicole Keeler.

#### **2. Approve Today's Agenda**

- **Motion:** Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the March 27, 2026, meeting agenda. Second: Mackenzie Wann. Result: Motion carried.

#### **3. Approve Past Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion:** Jackie Gordon made a motion to approve the March 6, 2026, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Second: Mackenzie Wann. Result: Motion carried.

#### **4. Public Comment (Time 10:20 AM to 10:30 AM)**

- No public comments were received regarding the State Plan on Physical Disabilities 2024–2027. The Vice Chair requested DHS staff notify the council if anyone joined later wishing to provide public comment.

#### **5. GCPD United Councils Workgroup Updates and Discussion**

- Angela Brenna provided an update on the GCPD United Councils (UC) Workgroup. Updates included:

- The GCPD Workgroup has decided to remain as a workgroup. It'll still meet monthly.
- Engage for Change (EFC):
  - The UC will be doing a lot of planning for Engage for Change, which is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th following the GCPD meeting on Wednesday.
  - The event location has been changed from the Madison Concourse to the Monona Terrace Convention Center due to accessibility and room size concerns.
  - The intent of the event is to bring legislators, committee chairs, and other decision-makers together with disability council members for direct advocacy and discussion.
- The CPD Exec Committee members discussed:
  - The importance of identifying invitees early and issuing a save-the-date as soon as possible.
  - Potential value in inviting legislators who serve on committees related to disability, budget, transportation, and long-term care.
  - The need for CPD members to think through both who should be invited and which issues CPD wants to elevate at the event.
  - Consider a more coordinated annual legislative breakfast or brunch in future years across councils.

## **6. ABLE Accounts Updates and Discussion**

- Artrell provided updates on Wisconsin ABLE account implementation following communication with Jessica Wetzel at Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) including:
  - Funding has been secured for a staff position at DFI related to Wisconsin ABLE account implementation.
  - Wisconsin is now considering whether to establish its own ABLE program through a Wisconsin banking partner or continue through a consortium model allowing residents to use another state's program.
  - Artrell also shared that Independence First may be discussing ABLE accounts during an upcoming financial literacy meeting.

## **7. Emergency Preparedness Committee Updates**

- Karen Secor and Zachary Davenport provided the following updates:
  - The Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPHEC) submitted on their budget, including our CPD Emergency Preparedness with the approximate dollar amounts, to Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program.
  - Zachary reached out to Charles Vandenplas about the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and Auxiliary State conference on whether he plans on going or not this year. He said he plans on going. The DAV and Auxiliary will be held Green Bay, WI on June 12th and 13th.
  - Zachary gave a presentation of CPD Emergency Preparedness to participants in the Adaptive Community Approach Program (ACAP) in Waukesha on March 9th.
  - The CPD Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting will be held on April 8th (12pm-1pm).
- **MOTION:** Ben Barrett made a motion to allow the CPD Emergency Preparedness to register and present at the Self-Determination Conference. Second: Karen Secor. Result: Motion carried.

8. **MOTION:** Ben Barrett made a motion to table the remaining agenda items until the next meeting. Second: Mackenzie Wann. Result: Motion carried.

## 9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes were Prepared by DHS Staff Support, Angela Brenna on 3/27/26.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 5/1/2026.

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