WI Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD)

Draft Executive Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 2:05 PM to 3:35 PM

Teleconference via Zoom, Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716

1. **Call to Order and Roll call**
    - The meeting was made available via Zoom, Meeting ID: 161 1786 1716.
    - **GCPD Chair David Morstad called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM**
    - **Executive Committee Members Present:** David Morstad, Dan Witt, Ben Barrett and Chelsea Polaske, and Ramsey Lee.
    - **Executive Committee Members Absent:** N/A
    - **GCPD Members Present:** Ashley Mathy, Jacob Bogost, Cindy Bentley, and Jackie Gordon.
    - **DHS Staff Present:** Zachary Davenport; and Ashley Baker.
    - **ASL Interpreter Services:** Carly Bieri and Kim Barr.
2. **MOTION: Approve the Meeting Agenda**
    - Dan Witt made a motion to approve February 25, 2026, GCPD Executive Committee Agenda. Ben Barrett seconded. Motion carried.
3. **MOTION: Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**
    - Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve January 14, 2026, GCPD Executive Committee Minutes. Ben Barrett seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comment (Time 2:20 PM to 2:30 PM)**
    - No members of the public were present for public comment. The Chair noted that if a member of the public joined later, the committee would pause to take comments.

5. **GCPD Member Appointments**
    - The Chair stated that several appointments have been made.
        - Brenna Durand has filled a position with GCPD as the Deaf/Hard of Hearing representative
        - Timothy Ross from the Lt. Governor's office will be joining GCPD.
        - Two at-large members, that are individuals with disabilities, also have been appointed:
            - Jaqueline Formanek, Milwaukee County Disability Services and Laura Lee Wright, located in the Green Bay area.
6. **GCPD Workplan and 2026 Priorities**
    - The Chair shared the following priorities:
        - Opportunities & Access: Circled back to discussing the removal of the first two bullet points related to a healthcare-student awareness initiative (no longer viable) and continuing focus on items such as broadband/telehealth and Assistive Technology Council efforts.
        - Focusing on a better engagement with Governor and Lt. Governor's Office through the work of United Councils Workgroup.
        - Focusing on better Engagement with Agency Liaisons and focusing on working on this through the United Councils Workgroup
7. **Discuss GCPD United Councils Workgroup**
    - The Chair went over the mission and membership make-up of the United Councils Workgroup.
        - United Councils is an action-orientated Workgroup comprised of membership of all disability related Councils and Committees supported by the Office for the Promotion of Independent Living and meets to discuss common disability-related issues.
        - GCPD is the primary point-of-contact coordinating entity for the United Councils Workgroup, and the Workgroup meets monthly to take on fast-paced action items.
        - Due to the Workgroup not being a Committee, an open meeting notice/agenda and standard minutes are not required. The Workgroup

has discussed possibly becoming a Committee under GCPD instead of a Workgroup, but that has not been approved yet.

- Next meeting date noted: Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 2:00 PM

8. **GCPD Awards Workgroup Updates**
    - The Chair provided an update on the annual awards (Richard Blakely Award and Faulkner Award).
        - The GCPD Awards Workgroup will be meeting today.
        - There are no current nominations yet, as the request for nominations just went out this month.
9. **GCPD Transportation Workgroup Updates**
    - Ramsey Lee shared that the Workgroup met last month.
        - The Non-emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) meeting will be on March 5, 2026. The NEMT contract will be coming up for renewal.
        - The Wisconsin Association of Mobility Managers presented information at the meeting and discussed their advocacy day that will take place next week.
10. **Adjournment**
    - Chelsea Polaske made a motion to adjourn. Dan Witt seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Action Items from Meeting

- None

Minutes were Prepared by DHS Staff Support, Ashely Baker on 2/25/26.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 3/18/2026

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