



State of Wisconsin
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Statutory Council on Blindness (SCOB) Quarterly Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 15, 2024
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

Quarterly meeting Action Items and Motion Items

A. Action Items

- 1. Action Item:** DHS Staff Support will forward Tami Frentzel's application to the DHS Secretary's Office.

B. Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item:** Kate Coerper made a motion to approve November 15, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Agenda as amended. Kerry Robinson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Kathi Zoern made a motion to approve the June 28, 2024, Quarterly meeting minutes. Kate Coerper seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Kate Coerper made a motion to draft a statement of support, or letter, to the Governor's Office supporting the baseline funding increase for the WI Independent Living Centers. Chuck Fehl seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- 4. Motion Item:** Kathi Zoern made a motion to move forward on the draft SCOB workplan. Kerry Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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5. **Motion Item:** Chuck Fehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jenny Marchewka seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and introductions: Patty Zallar, Chairperson.

Committee members present: Patty Zallar, Kate Coerper, Chuck Fehl, Jenny Marchewka, Kerry Robinson, Connor Kane, Brenda Brunet, Kathi Zoern.

Committee members absent (Excused*): N/A.

Guest Present: Jason Glozier, Tami Franztel, and Ramsey Lee.

DHS staff support present: Zachary Davenport, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau on Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Amber Mullett, DHS, BADR; and Ann Sievert, DHS, BADR.

American Sign Language Interpreting Services: Nicole Keller, DHS, BADR and Carly Bieri, DHS, BADR.

II. Patty Zallar, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

- The Committee meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 160 782 4655 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve November Statutory Council on Blindness Quarterly Agenda

- Kate Coerper made a motion to approve November 15, 2024, Quarterly Meeting Agenda as amended. Kerry Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Motion Item 1.



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IV. Review and Approve June Statutory Council on Blindness Quarterly Minutes

- Kathi Zoern made a motion to approve the June 28, 2024, Quarterly meeting minutes. Kate Coerper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting Wisconsin Residents Who are Blind or Visually Impaired

- No public comment was made.

VI. Presentation & Discussion of WI ILC Funding

- Jason Glozier provided background on Independent Living Center (ILC) funding in Wisconsin, advocating for a needed increase to maintain and expand service delivery. Jason requested the Council members' support state budget increase by writing a letter to the Governor.
- Kate Coerper made a motion to draft a statement of support, or letter, to the Governor's Office supporting the baseline funding increase for the WI Independent Living Centers. Chuck Fehl seconded the motion. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 3.

VII. Election of New Officers and New Council Appointment

- Chuck Fehl nominated Patty Zallar to continue as Chairperson of SCOB. Patty accepted the nomination and will remain in the position.



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- Kate Coerper nominated Chuck Fehl for the position of Vice-Chairperson of SCOB. Chuck accepted the nomination and assumed the role.
 - Chuck Fehl nominated Brenda Brunet for the position of Secretary of SCOB. Brenda accepted the nomination and assumed the role.
 - Kerry Robinson nominated Jenny Marchewka for the position of Member-at-Large. Jenny accepted the nomination and assumed the role.
 - Patty Zallar asked Kathi Zoern if she wished to renew her term as a Council member. Kathi confirmed her desire to continue.
 - Tami Frentzel expressed interest in becoming a SCOB member. DHS Staff Support will refer her application to the DHS Secretary's Office. See Action Item 1.

VIII. Review the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Workplan

- The Council reviewed and discussed the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities work plan. A link to the workplan can be found here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd/gcpd-state-workplan-2024-2027.pdf>.

IX. Identified Priority Areas of Council Work and Develop Workplan

- The Council members discussed various priority areas for the 2025 – 2026 workplan. See attached SCOB Workplan and Goals Discussion Draft.



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- Patty Zallar called for a motion to approve the SCOB draft workplan. Kathi Zoern made a motion to move forward on the draft workplan. Kerry Robinson seconded the motion. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 4.

X. Adjourn

- Chuck Fehl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jenny Marchewka seconded the motion. Motion Carried. See Motion Item 5.

The meeting Adjourned at 1:00 P.M.