

**Notice of Public Meeting
Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD)
Full Council Meeting**

**September 18, 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

Passcode: 12345

Meeting ID: 894 4386 3706

There will be no in-person location for this meeting. It is virtual only.

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@nvha.nv.gov

Relevant or supporting materials are available by contacting Rebecca Ortiz: (775) 684-8619, rortiz@nvha.nv.gov or on our website: www.nevadaddcouncil.org. You may 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.

1. 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.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Council 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 Health Authority (NVHA), 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.

3. 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.)

4. Approval of June 2025 Meeting Minutes

For Possible Action: Council Chair or Vice Chair will open the floor for discussion and vote of the June 5, 2025, Council minutes for approval, denial, or modification.

5. Consumer Leadership Development Fund Presentations

For Information Only: The Council Chair will invite Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director, to share information on behalf of Consumer Leadership Development Fund recipient Khianna Reed, followed by Nicholas Giaquinto, who will present on his own experience at the Best Buddies Leadership Conference. Both participants attended with Council funding.

6. Council Chair and Vice Chair Elections

For Possible Action: Council Chair will provide information on the elections, including eligible members, and will conduct a live vote for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Nominations may be submitted prior to the meeting and will be read aloud for the record, or nominations may be made live during the meeting. Action may be taken to approve or deny the recommendations for Chair and Vice Chair.

7. Remarks from Kathleen Kingston

For Information Only: Council Chair will invite Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director, together with Kathleen Kingston to make remarks regarding her time with the Council.

8. Remarks from Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities

For Information Only: Council Chair will invite Isabell Jimenez from the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities to present on the iCanBike Camp held in Reno June 2025.

9. Committee Updates

For Possible Action: Council Vice Chair will invite Committee Chairs and their designated presenters to provide updates and recommendations from Committee Meetings for the Council.

- Evaluation Committee, Stacey Alaribe
- Budget Committee, Vickie Ives
- Executive Committee, Anna Binder
- Policy Committee, Stacey Alaribe
 - A possible vote may be taken to approve, deny, or modify the draft position statement on Accountability, Inclusion, and Transparency; the draft position statement on Service Animals; and the draft position statement on Transportation.

10. Discussion and Review of Plans for Activities under the Goals and Objectives of the Current 5 Year State Plan for FFY 26

For Possible Action: Council Chair will invite Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director, to present information on proposed activities under the current 5-Year State Plan for FFY 26. Council Members will discuss and determine if modifications are needed. Action may be taken to approve, deny, or modify.

11. 2026-2031 Five Year State Plan Draft

For Information Only: Council Chair will invite Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director, to present information on the Council's Draft 2026-2031 Five Year State Plan. Discussion will include information on the upcoming listening session on September 15th and any recommendations for the draft for discussion and information only.

12. Council Member Updates

For Information Only: Council Chair will invite Council Members to share updates of importance for themselves, families, or their individual agencies.

13. Agenda Items for Consideration

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

14. Next Meeting Date

Council Chair will present the next Council meeting date of December 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will take place via Zoom.

15. 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.)

16. 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 roritz@nvha.nv.gov as soon as possible; at least 5 business days in advance of the meeting.

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 roritz@nvha.nv.gov.

Please Post

Agenda sent to be 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
- DHS & Website: 400 W King Street, Suite 300, Carson City, NV 89703
- NVHA Website: <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Public/AdminSupport/PublicNotices/>
- 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: 1665 Old Hot Springs Rd., #157, 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>
- NGCDD Website: www.nevadaddcouncil.org
- *Interim procedure: Materials have be posted to the Nevada Office of Emergency Management (OEM) website in the interim*