

# Council Meeting Minutes

**December 16, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**This was a hybrid meeting** held online with an anchor location at the UDDC office in Murray, UT.

**Attachments:** Draft September 2025 Council Meeting Minutes, November 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, State Plan Development Summary, Budget Actuals: FFY 25 & 26, Contract and Grant Report, FFY 2025 Annual Report, Mindful Moment, Member Contact List, Notes Page, Stipend Request Form

**Attended:** Adina Zahradnikova, Ashley Donham, Alyssa Cronin, Amy Nance, Angie Winger, Aubrey Snyder (Matt Wappett), Courtney Edgington, Deanna Taylor, Greg Green, James Steed, Jaycee Vorhees, Jennifer Wiser (Glen Larsen), Kayla Robertson, Ken Gourdin, Lisa Wade, Matthew Huskinson, Nels Holmgren, Roger Downing, Sarah Brenna, Shannon Wilkins, Sharon Cook, Tamera Dalton.

**Absent:** Brady Hakes, Calleen Kenney, Mindy Rivera.

**Guest:** Lauralee Gillespie.

**Staff:** Libby Oseguera, Eric Stoker, Julie Hanna, Rickie Crandall.

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Courtney Edgington, vice chairperson of the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The minutes noted compliance with Utah's Open Meeting laws and included a reminder of the Council members' core responsibilities, which include serving as an advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, developing and monitoring the 5-year plan, and preparing and implementing the budget.

## 2. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

## 3. VOTE: Approval of the September 2025 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Roger Downing and seconded by Angie Winger to approve the September 2025 meeting minutes. All were in favor with no opposed or abstained.

## 4. Agency Member Reports

The Council received updates from:

- **Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR):** An update was provided on the selection process for vocational rehabilitation services, noting that 12,000 individuals are currently on the waiting list.
- **Medicaid:** An update was shared regarding changes taking effect in January 2027 as a result of the "one big, beautiful bill" signed in July 2025.
- **Utah State Board of Education (USBE):** Updates were shared concerning the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

## 5. Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee:** Reported on current committee rotations and announced that Tamera Dalton has agreed to serve as the Membership and Recognition Committee Chair with Roger Downing as the vice chair.
- **State Plan Implementation Committee:** The committee is finalizing the monitoring of the 5-year State Plan and will review conference proposals for the May 2026 conference. The committee will also focus on the transportation goal.
- **Membership and Recognition Committee:** Announced plans to explore different strategies for mental health and wellbeing for members at the March meeting.
- **Policy and Legislative Engagement Committee:** The committee is gearing up for the legislative session and will collaborate with various disability organizations to monitor and track activity during the session.
- **Governance Committee:** The committee is continuing its work to update the Council's policy and procedures.

## 6. Break

Council Members took a 30-minute break.

## 7. Mindful Moment

Eric Stoker guided the council members through a mindfulness technique.

## 8. Overview of Project and Listening Session

A team from Alvarez & Marsal attended to conduct a listening session with Council members on the state of the disability community in Utah, including what is working and not working to help inform the Division of Services for People with Disabilities Change Management Plan to improve service delivery and outcomes for people with developmental disabilities and related conditions.

## 9. State Plan Development

An update on the State Plan development workgroup's progress was shared, including an explanation of the Strategic Alignment Matrix (SAM) tool and a review of the draft goals and objectives. Council members received a rationale and information to assist in prioritizing the focus areas for the 2027-2031 project period.

## **10. UDDC Budget and Review of Expenditure Reports**

Rickie Crandall reviewed the Council's budget statements for the current fiscal year.

## **11. Executive Director Report**

The Executive Director shared progress highlights from the fourth year of the Council's state plan and announced that the annual report will be released soon via email and on the website. Council members were also reminded that the UDDC office will be moving in February to Salt Lake City.

## **12. Round Robin – Members share current events and activities.**

- **Deanna Taylor:** The post-transition secondary conference is changing its format to host five regional sessions in mid-June to focus on students, which will also include a parent event and a keynote.
- **Ashley Donham:** Announced a lunch and learn series starting in January. Work is ongoing with DSPD regarding insurance claims and analyzing meta data for people with IDD related to emergency room and mental health treatment.
- **Sharon Cook:** Work continues with Medicaid to expand coverage for employment services, including job coaches.
- **Lisa Wade:** An update was provided on funding for the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), noting that no new funding was received for the waitlist in the initial legislative funding proposal, other than for mandated additional needs.

## **13. Executive Session**

The Council entered into executive session as permitted by law to conduct the Executive Director Annual Evaluation.

## **14. VOTE: Close the meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

## **Future Meetings**

- March 10, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Online
- June 2, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Hybrid
- September 15, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Online