



GCDSE 2025 Spring Council Meeting

1st Floor Training Room, 550 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK

Day 1: Wednesday, May 28 | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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9:00 – 10:00 AM – Call to Order, Business and Announcements

- Call to Order & Mindfulness Moment (Jena Crafton)
- Roll Call and Zoom Reminders (Patrick Reinhart)
- Announcements & Introductions
- Approval of February 11–12, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the GCDSE 2025 Spring Meeting Agenda
- Conflict of Interest Declarations
- Council Chair Report (Jena Crafton)
- Executive Director Report (Patrick Reinhart)

10:00 – 10:30 AM – Committee Reports (Approx. 15 minutes each)

- Self-Advocacy & Leadership (Garrett Dominick / Lanny Mommsen)
- Employment Committee (Anna Attla / Samantha Vetter)

10:30 – 10:45 AM – Break

10:45 – 12:00 PM – Committee Reports (continued) (Approx. 15 minutes each)

- Interagency Coordinating Council (Sabrina Richmond / Rich Saville)
- Special Education Advisory Panel (Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich / Rich Saville)
- Special Education Services Agency Board (Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus / Olivia Yancey)
- Legislative Committee (Caitlin Poindexter / Patrick Reinhart / Jamie Kokoszka)
- Community Inclusion Support Services (Corey Gilmore / Chelsea Burke)

12:00 – 1:15 PM – Lunch Break (on your own)

1:15 – 1:45 PM Facing Foster Care in Alaska (Amanda Metivier)

1:45- 3:00 PM Partner Reports (Approx. 10 minutes each)

- Stone Soup Group (Mary Middleton)
- Center for Human Development (Karen Heath)
- Key Coalition (Michelle Girault)
- Statewide Independent Living Council (Michael Christian)
- Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (Kim Champney)
- Peer Power (Ric Nelson)
- Disability Law Center (David Fleurant/David Monroe)

3:00 – 3:15 PM – Break

3:15 – 4:10 PM Film: Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- Documentary Link: <https://www.pbs.org/video/change-not-charity-the-americans-with-disabilities-act-asl-eywsoz/>

4:15 PM Announcements/Recess for the Day



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Day 2: Thursday, May 29, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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9:00 – 9:45 AM – Council Business

- Call to Order (Jena Crafton)
- Roll Call and Introductions
- Chair and Vice-Chair Elections
- FY26 Budget (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026) Discussion

9:45 – 10:00 AM – Break

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – State Reports and Discussion (Approx. 25 minutes each)

- Department of Health (Commissioner Hedberg or Deputy Commissioner Ricci)
 - Senior and Disability Services (Director Newman)
- Department of Family and Community Services (Commissioner Koval, invited)
- Department of Education and Early Development (Don Enoch)
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (CEO Dr. Wilson)
- Department of Labor (Deputy Commissioner Nelson San Juan)
 - Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Director Duder)

12:00 – 12:30 PM – Lunch Break (provided)

12:30 – 1:30 PM – Public Testimony

The Council is interested in hearing testimony about any issues impacting Alaskan families and individuals with disabilities.

Join Zoom Meeting (for Public Testimony Only)

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Show ILP Documentary (25 mins if time permits)

- Documentary Link: <https://vimeo.com/1078648558?share=copy>

1:30 – 2:30 PM – State Plan Update and Development (Chelsea Burke)

2:30 – 2:45 PM – Break

2:45 – 3:30 PM – Council Discussion on the Future (Jena Crafton / Patrick Reinhart)

3:30 – 4:00 PM – Closing Remarks and Adjournment