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GCDSE 2026 Winter Council Meeting

350 Main Street, Alaska Office Building, 115

Day 1: Tuesday, February 10 | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

To Join the Webinar:

Zoom Link:

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

- Call to Order (Sabrina Richmond, Chair)
- Roll Call and ZOOM Reminders (Patrick Reinhart)
- Announcements & Introductions
- Approval of October 6-7 Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the GCDSE 2026 Winter Meeting Agenda
- Conflict of Interest Declarations
- Council Chair Report (Sabrina Richmond)
- Executive Director Report (Patrick Reinhart)

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

- Special Education Advisory Panel (Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich)
- Special Education Services Agency (Olivia Yancy)

10:30 – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 11:30 AM Other Committee Updates (15 minutes each)

- Interagency Coordinating Council (Sabrina Richmond)

- Self-Advocacy & Leadership (Scott Lindbloom)
- Employment Committee (Anna Attla)
- Community Inclusion Support Services (Corey Gilmore)

12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break (Lunch brought in)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	State Partner Reports and Discussion (30 mins each)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Newman, Director, Senior and Disability Services (DOH) • Deb Etheridge, Director, Public Assistance (DOH)
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Hold for New Business if Necessary
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 – 4:00 PM	Legislative Visits Discussion with Alaska Deaf Council Presentation
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Public Testimony -- The Council is interested in hearing testimony about any issues impacting persons with disabilities and families.

To Join the Webinar for Public Testimony:

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6:00 – 8:00 PM	Legislative Children's Caucus Meeting (Capitol Building, Beltz 105)
	Council members and staff are invited to attend and listen, and a small group will present on the Infant Learning Program (ILP)

GCDSE 2025 Winter Council Meeting
350 Main Street, Alaska Office Building, 115
Day 2: Wednesday, February 11 | 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

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8:30 – 9:30 AM Council Business

- Call to Order (Sabrina Richmond, Chair)
- Roll Call and Introductions
- Executive Session to discuss Executive Director Transition

9:30 – 10:30 AM Partner Reports and Discussion (20 mins each)

- Department of Health (Commissioner Hedberg)
- Department of Education and Early Development (Commissioner Bishop)

10:30 – 10:45 AM **Break**

10:45 – 12:00 PM State Plan Update and Development (Chelsea)

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch on your Own

1:00 – 5:00 PM Legislative Visits for Council Members

Use public lounge in Capitol at end of skybridge
on 2nd floor as gathering please

Day 3: Thursday, February 12, 2025 (Meet in Public Lounge, State Capitol)

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Legislative Visits for Council Members