

Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities

August 21, 2026

9:30AM, CDT

IN-PERSON MEETING

Nebraska State Office Building

Lower-Level Meadowlark Conference Room

301 Centennial Mall South

Lincoln, NE

AGENDA

- 9:30 1. **Call the Meeting to Order, Welcome, *Pledge of Allegiance*, and Introductions – Beth Libra and Kristen Larsen**
Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, and Council members will be asked to introduce themselves.
- Dr. Jamar Dorsey – Non-Governmental
2. **Federal Compliance Reminder – Beth Libra**
Brief note on ensuring NCDD activities follow federal requirements, including 2 CFR 200.450, and confirming the Council may educate policymakers and share policy views within allowable guidelines. Lobbying is not allowed.
3. **Nebraska Open Meetings Act Announcement – Beth Libra**
Council meetings fall under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act is posted on the door by the sign-in table as required.
4. **Public Comment Period #1 – Beth Libra**
All public meetings must allow time on their agenda for people who are not on the Council to comment.
5. **Approval of Minutes – Eddie Kraska**
Draft minutes of the April 17, 2026 meeting were included in the meeting packet. The Council will review them and, following any needed corrections, vote to approve them through a roll call vote as required by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.
Council members who were not at the April 17th meeting need to abstain when voting.
[Vote to approve minutes.](#)

6. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – Beth Libra

Members are asked to declare any conflicts of interest as required by Council's policy. To fulfil this requirement, the following Council members are asked to verbally declare any conflicts of interest at the meeting today: Dr. Jamar Dorsey.

7. Financial Report – Kristen Larsen

Kristen Larsen will review the third quarter financial report for FFY2026 (October 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026).

Kristen will present the FFY2027 Council Budget (October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027) for approval.

Handouts of the FFY2026 3rd Quarter Financial Report, and FFY2027 Budget will be provided at the meeting.

[Vote to approve the FFY2027 Council Budget \(October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027\).](#)

8. Meeting Dates and Meeting Locations for FFY2027 – Beth Libra

Meeting dates for FFY2027 are:

November 20, 2026 [Hybrid]

February 5, 2027 [Hybrid]

May 7, 2027 [In-Person]

August 20, 2027 [In-Person]

The correlating Committee meeting will be held the day before the Council meeting.

The meetings will take place at the Nebraska State Office Building – Lincoln [301 Centennial Mall South]

9. Break

10. Member Reappointments and Recognition of Outgoing Members – Beth Libra and Kristen Larsen

Eligible Council members whose term expire on October 1, 2026, and are interested in continuing to serve on the Council, are encouraged to reapply with the Governor. Applications can be submitted either online at the *Boards & Commissions – Application for Executive Appointment* webpage at <https://governor.nebraska.gov/board-comm-reg> or by mailing a *completed Executive Appointment Application* to Pat Selk at the Office of the Governor. Council members eligible to apply for reappointment are:

Brent Hoffman (Individual)

Shaistha Kiran Karipi (Family)

Joe Valenti (Family with Relative at ICFMR)

The following Council members, whose second term is ending on October 1, 2025 or who have decided not to seek an additional term, will be recognized for their time with the Council:

Quinton Corwin (Individual)

Seamus Kelly (P&E – Disability Rights Nebraska)

Judy Trent (Family)

11. Election of FFY2027 Council Officers – Beth Libra

Per the By-Laws, officer elections for FFY2027 will be conducted at today's Council meeting. This includes the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. These officers shall be elected to serve a term of office from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. Officers may be re-elected for a maximum of an additional two (2) consecutive terms. That limit on terms being only for that office; they may be elected to another office without a break in service. Agency representatives are not eligible to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair of the Council.

- Those interested in running for **Chair**: Beth Libra
 - [Vote for Chair.](#)
- Those interested in running for **Vice-Chair**: Shaistha Karipi
 - [Vote for Vice-Chair.](#)
- Those interested in running for **Secretary**: Eddie Kraska and Brent Hoffman
 - [Vote for Secretary.](#)

12. Committee Preferences – Beth Libra

All Council members are expected to serve on one of the standing committees – Legislative and Advocacy, Planning, or Grant Review. Please complete the Committee Preference form included in the meeting packet and turn it into Nikki Krause by the end of today's meeting.

Please note your interest in running for Chair of a committee on the Committee Preference form as well as any suggestions for non-Council members to serve on one of the standing committees. Committee Chair elections will be held in November.

13. Report of the Planning Committee: Judy Trent and Kristen Larsen

The Planning Committee met on Thursday – August 20, 2026, to make recommendations for FFY2027 formal competitive/noncompetitive subaward/direct contract projects, and funding for up to four opportunity subawards. The Council will discuss and vote to approve the Committee's recommendations and approve Requests for Applications (RFAs) to be released this September.

[Discuss and **individually vote** on funding for one Formal Competitive Subawards/Direct Contract Projects.](#)

[Discuss and vote on funding for a Self-Advocacy Subaward.](#)

[Discuss and vote on funding for up to two Opportunity Subawards.](#)

Discuss and vote on funding for up to ten Mini Subawards.

- 14. DD Council Executive Director Annual Evaluation – Beth Libra**
The Brief Executive Director Annual Evaluation form is included the meeting packet. The form needs to be completed and turned in to **TBD** by **October 1, 2026**. Either scan and email the evaluation or snail mail the evaluation to **TBD**.
- 15. DD Council Executive Committee Meeting Summary – Beth Libra**
The Executive Committee met on August 4, 2026, and Beth will provide an update on the decisions made.
- 16. Lunch**
Working lunch with time for networking among members.
- 17. June 12, 2026, Tri-Board Meeting Summary – Kristen Larsen, Mark Shriver, and Tania Diaz**
Kristen will provide a brief summary of the June 12, 2026, Tri-Board meeting.
- 18. 2027-2031 Five-Year State Plan and FFY2027 Work Plan – Kristen Larsen**
Kristen will provide a brief update on the 2027-2031 Five-Year State Plan and the FFY2027 Work Plan.
- 19. Updates from Agency Representatives –Tony Green, Division of Disability and Aging; Diana Meadors, Behavioral Health; Chris Chambers, Department of Education – Office of Special Education; DJ Plautz, Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation; Jennifer Severe-Oforah, Maternal and Child Health, Division of Public Health; Dawn Sybrant, Medicaid and Long-Term Care**
Council members representing state agencies will provide brief oral and written updates on activities that have occurred since the last meeting.
- 20. Updates from our DD Network Representatives – Seamus Kelly, Disability Rights Nebraska; Dr. Mark Shriver, Munroe-Meyer Institute/University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)**
Council members representing our DD Network will provide brief oral and written updates on activities that have occurred since the last meeting.
- 21. Council Chair and Staff Updates**
The Council Chair and Council staff will share information on activities and other matters of interest that have occurred since the November meeting.
- 22. Member Updates – Council Members**
Time is provided for Council members to share any advocacy and/or disability activities they have been involved with since the November meeting.
- 23. Public Comment Period #2 – Beth Libra**
All public meetings must allow time on their agenda for people who are not on the Council to comment.

24. Adjourn – Beth

The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2026. The Grant Review Committee meeting will be held in the afternoon of November 19, 2026.

NOTE: In accordance with the provisions of Section 84-1401-1414 Nebraska Statutes (Nebraska Open Meetings Act) passed by the Unicameral, minutes of this meeting will be on file ten working days from the date of this meeting in the office of the Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, PO Box 95026, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5026. All items known at the time of distribution are listed, and a current agenda is available. This meeting site is accessible. If special accommodations are needed, please contact our office at (402) 471-2330 / TDD (800) 833-7352 by August 14, 2026.

Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities

Mission

The Council engages in **Advocacy**, **Capacity Building**, and **Systemic Change** activities that assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design and have access to needed community services, individualized support, and other forms of assistance that promote *self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion* in all facets of community life.