



Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma

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Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 24, 2026, 12:15 p.m.

Oklahoma Center For NonProfits, 701 N Lindsay Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Board Member(s) attending via Teleconference

Lori Wieder, 711 N. Country Club, Stillwater, OK 74075

Bryce Wooten, 16905 Bedford Circle, Edmond, OK 73012

Jacob Pyle, 408 Evergreen Circle, Norman, OK 73072



Board Members

David Blose, Yukon
Margaret Bond, Broken Arrow
Jeromy Buchanan, Okla. City
Sherri Coats, Oklahoma City
Brett Cunningham, Okla. City
Janie Fugitt, Oklahoma City
Shelly Greenhaw, Edmond
Heather Hancock, Okla. City
Laura Haney, Tulsa
Jacob Pyle, Norman
Gina Richardson, Okla. City
Susan Rutledge, Broken Arrow
Beth Scrutchins, Okla. City
Melissa Sublett, Tulsa
Kodey Toney, Panama
Lori Wieder, Stillwater
Cynthia Wilkett, Tulsa
Valerie Williams, Okla. City
Bryce Wooten, Edmond

Council Staff

Outreach & Marketing Director

Alissa Patterson

Planning & Grants Director

Jennifer Robinson

Advocacy Training Director

Dr. Bradley Mays

Self-Advocacy Training Director

Morgan Davis

Executive Director

Jenifer Randle

* = possible voting

I. Call to Order, Roll Call & Establish Quorum: Mr. Toney

p2 II. Review February 2026 Meeting Minutes: * Mr. Jacob Pyle

p5 III. Discussion: Funding Request(s) *

Katerina Alder Family Consumer Involvement Fund Request

IV. Committee Updates *

Advocacy, Training, and Outreach

State Plan

Finance

V. Old / New Business *

Council updates

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment *

Executive Committee Members: Maggie Bond, Janie Fugitt, Jacob Pyle, Susan Rutledge, Kodey Toney, Lori Wieder, Bryce Wooten

The mission of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma is to advance communities where everyone has the opportunity to live, learn, work, and play where they choose. The Council builds partnerships to change systems to improve services, resources, and supports for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities and their families.



Executive Committee Minutes

Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma


DATE: Friday, February 19, 2026

TIME: 11:15 a.m.

PLACE: 2400 N. Lincoln Blvd, Sequoyah Bldg., Rm. C-48, Oklahoma City, OK 73127

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Friday, February 19, 2026, at 11:15 a.m., the Executive Committee met in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

NOTICE of the schedule for all regular and special meetings of the DDCO Executive Committee for the calendar year 2026 have been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State and public notice and agenda having been posted on the Council's website at or before 12:00 pm on Thursday, February 18, 2026, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

I.  **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Toney called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

II.  **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Janie Fugitt, Kodey Toney, Maggie Bond, Susan Rutledge,

Members Online: Bryce Wooten


Members Absent: Lori Wieder

Staff: Bradley Mays, Jennifer Robinson, Morgan Davis, Jenifer Randle

By roll call, there was quorum of committee members, so business was conducted. Mr. Wooten is an official voting member as his location was posted on agenda.

III.     **MINUTES REVIEW**

 **DISCUSSION:** The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes from October 24, 2025.



 **ACTION:** Ms. Fugitt moved to approve minutes from October 24, 2025. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion.

 **AYES:** Janie Fugitt, Kodey Toney, Bryce Wooten


 **NAYS:**


 **ABSTAIN:** Margaret Bond, Susan Rutledge

MOTION: Carried 

IV.   **Discussion: Funding Request(s):**


A. Ms. Robinson and Ms. Randle introduced funding requests to support the Oklahoma APSE Conference in the amount of \$5,000.

 **ACTION:** Ms. Rutledge moved to approve the funding request for \$5,000 for the Oklahoma APSE Conference. Ms. Fugitt seconded the motion.


 **AYES:** Janie Fugitt, Kodey Toney, Susan Rutledge, Bryce Wooten


 **NAYS:**

 **ABSTAIN:** Margaret Bond

MOTION: Carried 

B. Ms. Robinson and Ms. Randle introduced funding requests to support Oklahoma Family Network's Annual Supporting Partnerships Joining Forces Conference in the amount of \$5,000.

 **ACTION:** Ms. Bond moved to approve the funding request for \$5,000 for the Joining Forces Conference. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion.


 **AYES:** Janie Fugitt, Kodey Toney, Margaret Bond, Susan Rutledge, Bryce Wooten


 **NAYS:**

 **ABSTAIN:**

MOTION: Carried 

C. Ms. Randle introduced a Consumer Involvement funding request from Sky Collins, a Partners in Policymaking Graduate, to assist her family in attending the Malan Syndrome Conference this summer. Funding requested is \$1,704.

 **ACTION:** Ms. Fugitt moved to approve Sky Collins funding request of \$1,704 to attend the Malan Syndrome Conference. Ms. Bond seconded the motion.

 **AYES:** Janie Fugitt, Kodey Toney, Margaret Bond, Susan Rutledge, Bryce Wooten

 **NAYS:**


 **ABSTAIN:**

MOTION: Carried 

V.    **Discussion and Possible Voting: Committee Updates:**

A. **Advocacy, Training and Outreach Committee:** Dr. Bradley Mays and Ms. Morgan Davis provided updates on Partners in Policymaking, Youth Leadership Forum and Self-Advocacy trainings to the members. Questions for governor candidates are being created

- B. **State Plan Committee:** Ms. Jennifer Robinson provided updates about the State Plan to members.
- C. **Finance Committee:** Ms. Randle provided updates on expenditures to members.

VI.  **Discussion and Possible Voting: Old / New Business**

- Federal budget passed with DD Network Partners (including Councils) level funded.
- Welcome to new officers and thank you for saying yes.

VII.  **Announcements:**

Congratulations to Maggie Bond and the Stars on Stage. The performance was outstanding.

VIII.  **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

View results

Respondent
6 Anonymous

33:49
Time to complete

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Name *

First & last name of the person completing this application.

Katerina Alder

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Mailing address: *

Please make sure to include street address, city, state, and zip code

8718 E 126th Place S, Bixby Ok, 74008

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Email address: *

katerina.alder@yahoo.com

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Cell Phone number (including area code) *

(918)-629-1450

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Travelers: *

If more than one person from a single family, please list all names of additional travelers who are requesting support from the Council.

Amelia Alder (individual with DS), Carl Stein (step-father)

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Check all that apply: *

- I am a person with a developmental disability.
- I am an immediate family member or guardian of a person with a disability.
- I am a graduate of Oklahoma Partners in Policymaking and/or the Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum.
- I am a professional, working with people who have a developmental disability.
- Other

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More info: *

If a person with a disability or family member/guardian, what is the age of the person with a developmental disability?

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Registered payee? *

Are you a registered payee with Oklahoma Management Enterprise Services (OMES) Supplier Portal? (<https://oklahoma.gov/omes/services/purchasing/supplier-portal.html>) This is not a requirement however Council reimbursements can only be made after persons have registered.

- Yes
- No

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Please include: *

1. Name of event,
2. When the event will take place,
3. Where the event will take place, and
4. The website for the event.

National Down Syndrome Convention; Orlando, Florida, July 23-26; <https://ndscenter.org/convention/convention.html>

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Please answer: *

1. Why do you wish to participate in this event?
2. What will this event help you do?
3. How will this help further the work of the Council's State Plan?
4. How and to whom will you share the information learned?

1. I wish to participate in this event because it directly aligns with both my personal journey as a parent of a child with Down syndrome, and my professional mission to advance inclusion and meaningful opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

As the founder of Amelia's Friends Foundation, I am deeply committed to creating spaces where children of all abilities can build friendships and experience belonging. Attending this event will allow me to deepen my knowledge, learn best practices, and connect with leaders and families who are working toward the same goals.

This opportunity is especially meaningful to me because I actively share resources with families, educators, and the broader community. The knowledge and connections I gain will extend far beyond my own family and directly impact many others across Oklahoma.

2. This event will strengthen my ability to advocate, educate, and create inclusive opportunities in my community.

Specifically, it will help me:

- Expand programming through Amelia's Friends Foundation to better serve children with disabilities and their families
- Bring evidence-based strategies to my role as an educator and department head working with English Language Learners and children on IEP and 504.
- Enhance my ability to support parents by providing them with practical tools, resources, and guidance
- Continue and complete my work on a public-school curriculum that promotes racial tolerance and the acceptance of individuals with disabilities, recognizing that diversity must be intentionally taught and consistently modeled in our schools, homes, and communities. Ultimately, this experience will allow me to move from passion to greater impact, ensuring that more families feel supported and more children experience inclusion and joy.

3. My work directly supports the goals of the Council's State Plan by promoting inclusion, self-determination, and community engagement for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Through my foundation and professional roles, I:

- Create inclusive social opportunities for children of all abilities
- Empower families with knowledge and resources
- Provide respite care for caregivers
- Advocate for equitable access in schools and community spaces

By attending this event, I will gain tools and strategies that will strengthen these efforts and allow me to expand my reach. This will contribute to building more inclusive communities across Oklahoma—one of the central goals of the Council's mission.

4. I will actively share what I learn through multiple platforms and audiences to ensure a broad and meaningful impact.

This includes:

- Families served through Amelia's Friends Foundation (events, workshops, and direct communication)
- Fellow educators and staff at Union Freshman Academy through professional development and collaboration
- Parent networks and advocacy groups across Oklahoma
- Social media platforms to reach a wider audience

Additionally, I will incorporate what I learn into presentations and trainings I already provide, ensuring that the information is accessible, practical, and actionable for families and professionals alike.

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Prior participation? *

Have you participated in this event before?

Yes

No

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Prior Council funding? *

Have you ever applied and/or received funding from the Consumer Involvement or Professional Development Fund before? If you answer yes, please tell us the activity/program and when you participated.

no

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Budget. *

Explain in the space below or email exe.DD.Council@okdhs.org / jenifer.randle@okdhs.org your budget. This should provide the following information to our members:

1. All costs of the event,
2. What you asking the Council to provide, and
3. What costs you will cover yourself (this can be from another source).

Please make sure your budget includes information on travel costs; registration of event fees; lodging; per diem (for meal expenses); local transportation/airport parking; and respite or attendant care, if requested.

Please understand the Council can only provide up to 75% of the total cost. People applying for assistance must provide at least 25% of the costs.

The Council does not pay for travel to or from a conference. Those costs must be covered by the traveler or another source.

EXPENSE CATEGORY	AMOUNT REQUESTED OF COUNCIL	AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED BY TRAVELER OR THIRD PARTY
AIRFARE	MUST BE PAID BY TRAVELER	
MILEAGE		
REGISTRATION		
LODGING		
PER DIEM		
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION		
RESPIRE/ATTENDANT		
TOTAL		

Airfare (3 people)- \$1578
 Registration \$620
 Lodging- \$860 + parking, resort fees, and taxes \$332= \$1192
 per diem- \$100 per person per day= \$1500
 Local transportation- rental car \$50 a day x 5 days= \$250
 Total= 3562

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OPTIONAL

Identify your ethnicity by checking all that apply. Answering or not answering will **NOT** impact decisions made. It is for data purposes only.

- African American
- Asian American
- Caucasian / White
- Hispanic
- Native American
- Other

Thank you!

If you have any questions, please email exe.DD.Council@okdhs.org.

EXPENSE CATEGORY	AMOUNT REQUESTED OF COUNCIL	AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED BY TRAVELER OR THIRD PARTY	TOTALS
AIRFARE	PAID BY	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 1,578.00
MILEAGE	TRAVELER	\$ -	\$ -
REGISTRATION	\$ 620.00		\$ 620.00
LODGING	\$ 1,192.00		\$ 1,192.00
PER DIEM	\$ 188.00	\$ 622.00	\$ 810.00
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
RESPIRE / ATTENDANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 4,450.00

	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul
	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	last day
Mom	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00
Daughter	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00
Husband	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00
TOTALS	\$ 180.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 180.00

PER DIEM GRAND TOTAL = \$ 810.00

For lodging & meals (Per diem), see:

https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates/per-diem-rates-results?action=perdiems_report&fi

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

*ALL DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THURSDAY

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Human Trisome Project

10:30 AM - 7:30 PM
**NDSC Convention
Registration**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
**GLOBAL Research &
Medical Roundtable**

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Exhibit Hall

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
**Self-Advocate Council
Meeting & Dinner**

7:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Welcome Session

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Family Fun Night

FRIDAY

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
**NDSC Convention
Registration**

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Ninja Fitness with Cody

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Breakfast Meal Plan

7:45 AM - 11:15 AM
Kids Camp Session 1

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Educators Conference

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
**Advocacy Training
Boot Camp**

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Deep Dive Sessions

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Exhibit Hall

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Human Trisome Project

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch Meal Plan

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
African American Lunch

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM
**Kids Camp
Session 2**

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM
**Youth & Adult Conference
Kickoff Party**

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM
**Siblings Conference
Kickoff Party**

12:45 PM - 2:15 PM
**General Workshop
Cycle 1**

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM
**General Workshop
Cycle 2**

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
**General Workshop
Cycle 3**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Awards Reception

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
**VIP Reception
*Invite Only**

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Sharing Sessions

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Dance

SATURDAY

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Yoga

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Breakfast Meal Plan

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
**NDSC Convention
Registration**

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Human Trisome Project

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
NDAC Town Hall

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Exhibit Hall

9:15 AM - 12:15 PM
**Kids Camp
Session 3**

9:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Youth & Adult Conference

9:15 AM - 5:30 PM
Siblings Conference

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
**General Workshop
Cycle 4**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
**General Workshop
Cycle 5**

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
College Fair

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Lunch Meal Plan

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Hispanic Lunch

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM
**Kids Camp
Session 4**

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM
**Youth & Adult
Conference**

1:45 PM - 3:15 PM
**General Workshop
Cycle 6**

3:45 PM - 5:15 PM
**General Workshop
Cycle 7**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Celebration Dinner

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Dance

SUNDAY

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Fitness Class

8:45 AM - 12:30 PM
**Kids Camp
Session 5**

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Human Trisome Project

8:15 AM - 12:15 PM
**Siblings Conference
Field Trip**

8:15 AM - 12:15 PM
**Youth & Adult
Conference
Talent Show**

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
**General Workshop
Cycle 8**