

**Maine Developmental Disabilities Council**  
July 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes



Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Agenda Item	Handouts	Highlights	Motions
Welcome, Introductions	Agenda	Abbott started the meeting with a brief review of the meeting rules and roll call for attendance was completed by Kile. Quorum met with 20 members.	See attached table
<b>Council Business</b>			
Meeting Minutes	05.21.2025 Meeting Minutes Draft	Reviewed. No discussion.	Jon McGovern. Motion to accept meeting minutes for 05/21/2025. Stacy A 2 <sup>nd</sup> 19 yes, 0 No 0 abstain Motion passed
Executive Committee Ballot Vote	Ballot	No discussion. Ballots collected by Rachel.	
Executive Committee Report	Committee Meeting Minutes 06/12/2025	No Discussion	
Membership Committee Update		Abbott spoke for the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Membership Committee consists of the following Council members: Shaun, Andrea, Tracey, Regina and Abbott.</li> <li>○ The Membership Committee met on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Members in attendance – Shaun, Regina, Tracey and Toni providing Council support to the membership Committee</li> <li>○ Each member present gave a brief overview of their experience when they became a member.</li> <li>○ We decided as a group to update the new member packet of material</li> </ul>	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will be meeting the fourth Thursday of each month – Next meeting scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ We still need to select a Chair</li> <li>○ We will be meeting face to face with the Nomination Committee at the September Council meeting</li> </ul>	
Meetings for FY 26 and Ballot vote	Calendar and Ballot	Rachel collected votes	
Finance Committee Report	Budget Versus actual, Balance Sheet through 06.30.2025	No discussion	
Requests for Agenda Items for next meeting		Andrea asked how many self-advocates or family members are included in meetings for system change. Staci Converse suggested a talk on AI for self-advocates and family members on how to use and assist when testifying or presenting. Kris Adams would like a discussion on the DOJ settlement with DHHS. All suggestions will be discussed in the next Executive Committee Meeting and scheduled for future meetings if possible.	
Fiscal year 2026 Budget and Vote	Proposed FY 26 Budget Draft	Nancy reviewed expected income from state and federal grants.	Tracey Webb. Motion to accept expected income for FY 26 Jon McGovern 2 <sup>nd</sup> No discussion 19 yes, 0 No 0 abstain Motion passed
		Nancy reviewed projected Operation costs	Maryann Preble Motion to accept projected Operations cost for FY 26. Stacy Atter 2 <sup>nd</sup> No discussion 19 yes, 0 No 0 abstain



			Motion passed
		Nancy reviewed projected projects – SUFU and small grants. Alan Cobo-Lewis stated that the SUFU program is a model for every state and should receive the Councils funding for as much as possible. Kristine Adams stated that more funding to help Self Direction would be great. Nancy explained that the Council has gone as far as it can and the state has taken on the work to sustain the program.	Tracey Webb Motion to accept proposed Project costs for FY 26. Maryann Preble 2 <sup>nd</sup> . 17 yes, 0 No 2 abstain Motion passed
		Final vote for overall FY 26 budget.	Tracey Webb. Motion to accept proposed budget for FY 26. Shaun Nixon 2 <sup>nd</sup> No discussion 19 yes, 0 No 0 abstain Motion passed
Break		The Council had a short break	
Good Life Activity	Good Life Information	Council was divided into small groups representing the different stages of life to discuss the needs and wants of people with I/DD. Groups reported back about things they discovered which will help with state plan planning.	
State Plan Part 1		Nancy and Rachel talked about the definitions of each area and what could be included in Goals and Objectives in comparison with what has been done in the 22-26 State Plan. Goal: Review Quality Assurance, Employment, and Formal/Informal Community Supports Area of Emphasis.	
Lunch		Lunch was served	



State Plan Part 2		Nancy and Rachel continued to talk about the Review of Quality Assurance, Employment, and Formal/Informal Community Supports within Area of Emphasis. They included what we did in this last plan and discuss gaps.	
<b>Break</b>		The Council had a short break	
Gaps and Strengths Small Groups		Quality Assurance (Self Advocacy, Policy Work, Self Determination) Employment, Formal and Informal Community Supports	
Public Comment		None	
	Meeting Evaluation	The Council was encouraged to fill out Conflict of Interest Forms, Reimbursement Forms and Meeting Evaluation to wrap up the meeting	
Adjourn			The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Attendance: Abbott Philson, Kile Pelletier, Tracey Webb, Shaun Nixon, Jon McGovern, Stacy Atter, Jessica Creedon, Andrea Dole, Jennifer Marks, Maryann Preble, Alan Cobo-Lewis, Staci Converse, Maria Cameron, Monique Stairs, Regina Bowie, Stacy LaFlamme, Marc Riox, Kristine Adams, Craig Patterson, Nicole Achey

Members absent: Leigh Lardieri, Stacy Smart, Courtney Schadtler, Stephanie Vinson, Kaitlyn Johanson, Cheryl Hathaway  
 Staff: Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Brenda Charneski

Quorum present? Yes (20 present)

Public: Cassie Way, Case manager w/ client Robin  
 Guests: Stephanie Pelletier, Dick Witham, Susan Farwell

Next meeting date and time: September 10, 2025 at Maple Hill Farm, Hallowell, ME (8:30 AM pre-meeting) 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

	YES		Attend	Meeting minutes from: 05.21.2025	FY 26 Budget Income	FY 26 Budget Operations	FY 26 Budget Projects	FY 26 Budget Overall
	NO							
	Abstain							
01	Craig Patterson	OADS (DHHS)		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
02	Leigh Lardieri	DOE	X	X	X	X	X	X
03	Shaun Nixon	DOL		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2nd
04	Jon McGovern	self advocate		1st	2nd	Yes	A / SUFU	2nd
05	Stacy Smart	self advocate	X	X	X	X	X	X
06	Stacy Atter	self advocate		2nd	Yes	2nd	Yes	Yes
07	Kile Pelletier	self advocate		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
08	Jessica Creedon	Parent of Child		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
09	Andrea Dole	Parent of Child		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Jennifer Marks	Parent of Adult		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Tracey Webb	Parent of Child		Yes	1st	Yes	1st	1st
12	Courtney Schattle	Parent of Child	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	Stephanie Vinson	Parent of Child	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	Kaitlyn Johanson	self advocate	X	X	X	X	X	X
15	Maryann Preble	self advocate		Yes	Yes	1st	2nd	Yes
16	Alan Cobo-Lewis	UMO CCIDS		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Staci Converse	DRM		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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19	Maria Cameron	NGA VOA NNE		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
20	Monique Stairs	NGA SUFU		Yes	Yes	Yes	A / SUFU	Yes





21	Regina Bowie	self advocate		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
22	Nicole Achey	Parent of Child		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
23	Abbott Philson	self advocate		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
24								
25	VACANT	IDEA						
26	Stacy LaFlamme	CDC CYSHN (DHHS)		Yes	No	1st	Yes	Yes
27	Cheryl Hathaway	OCFS(DHHS)	X	X	X	X	X	X
28	Marc Riox	self advocate		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
29	Kristine Adams	Parent of Child		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Current 26

16 needed for Quorum

**20**

19 Yes , 0 No  
0 Abstain

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