NV Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (NGCDD) Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2025

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 **ZOOM Meeting**

**Location:**

**Zoom**

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Join by Phone: 669-900-6833

Password: 12345

Meeting ID: 862 3577 0690

# Special Notes

* All items reviewed during this meeting are available for view on the NGCDD website; under the event created for this meeting: [www.nevadaddcouncil.org](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/)
* Bolded text under a heading indicates an action taken by the NGCDD.

# Introductions

Committee Members Present: Vickie Ives, Chair; Max Lowe; Randal Owen

Committee Members Absent: Santa Perez; Christine Riggi

NGCDD Staff Present: Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director; Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant; Marisol Rivas, Project Manager; Steven Cohen, Legislative Liaison

NGCDD Staff Absent: Alysa Marquez, Intern; Ellen Marquez, Fiscal and Outreach Manager

Public Present: Anna Binder

# Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vickie Ives, Budget Committee Chair at 1:04 p.m.

Rebecca Ortiz, Executive Assistant verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted to the appropriate locations on May 13, 2025.

# Land Acknowledgment

Ms. Ives provided the land acknowledgement as follows: The Nevada Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities, as a program whose designated state agency is the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, acknowledges, honors, and respects the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this land and recognize the State of Nevada is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwu, Newe, Numu, Wa She Shu, and Hopi tribes. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to work alongside our Tribal partners. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in acknowledgement and continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism.

# Public Comment

Ms. Ives asked if there was any public comment and provided the information to submit public comment telephonically.

* Ms. Ives spoke on being unable to attend the previously scheduled budget meeting and thanked everyone for accommodating for the rescheduled meeting today.

# Approval of Minutes of the January 2025 Meeting

Ms. Ives asked if everyone had reviewed the January 28, 2025 minutes. She opened this item for discussion. This item was tabled for the next budget committee meeting**.**

# Information on the Chair and Vice-Chair Elections for Budget Committee

Ms. Ives spoke on the election for Chair and Vice Chair of the Budget Committee to take place at the July 24, 2025 meeting.

# Presentation and Recommendations on current NGCDD Council Budget

Ms. Ives introduced this item and deferred it to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director, for further information.

Ms. Nielsen stated there were no current recommendations for the current council budget. She discussed the possibility of council funding being eliminated at the federal level. The discussions that are taking place are all rumored as of right now, and so no permanent decisions will be made based off of that until there is a more solid foundation to be able to move forward. We may need to scale back on some of our projects, but we do not have any suggestions for any scaling back of any current projects at this time period, and those would be things that have already been approved by the Council. Projects in the community include things like the arc of Nevada, the down syndrome organization of Southern Nevada, and some of those smaller pots of money for things like our Consumer Leadership Development Fund. Those have already been budgeted, and we do not anticipate that those will cause a significant increase in our ability to do our job if we pull back those funds. She opened this item for discussion.

# Presentation and Recommendations on NGCDD Council Budget for FFY 25

Ms. Ives introduced this item and deferred it to Catherine Nielsen, Executive Director, for further information.

Ms. Nielsen referred to the document titled “Handout for Budget Committee 52225”. The document talks about the rest of the funding that the council has available, and what that would bring through the rest of not just the State fiscal year, but the Federal fiscal year as well. Working with the fiscal team if we remained at 100% staffing and fulfilling all of our goals and objectives as we have, we don't have to scale anything back. That would give us approximately until April of 2026. The final notice of award for this year was received. We did speak with fiscal about ending our contract with the global technical communications, and that is not due to necessarily funding restrictions, though the amount of funding saved would always be beneficial. The reason behind that primarily revolves around the fact that they no longer are required to do the interpreter report, as that was deemed by another State entity. At this point in time our discussion should really revolves around, are there projects or activities that you guys feel have not been as impactful and that we maybe could stop or scale back on. She opened this item for discussion.

# Public Comment

Ms. Ives asked if there was any public comment. None was given.

# Next Meeting Date

The next Budget Committee meeting is July 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.