



# Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

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**To:** ADS Advisory Council Members and interested others  
**From:** Alex O’Reilly, Chair, Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council  
**Subject:** ADS Advisory Council February Meeting Agenda  
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Agenda and Announcement for the  
Aging and Disability Services Advisory Council Meeting

**Friday, January 10, 2025 - VIRTUAL MEETING**

Join us on [Zoom](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/96493249293>

Agenda / Schedule	
<b>10:00 - 11:30 am</b>	<b>Advocacy Committee</b> (see attached agenda)
<b>12:00 – 12:55 pm</b>	<b>Presentation on an overview of the 2025 WA Leg session by Jon Gould, Vice President of Public Policy at Akin (formerly Childhaven)</b>
<b>12:55 - 1:10 pm</b>	<b>Race and Social Justice (RSJ) Moment</b> Please watch this 4-minute video, <a href="#">The Origins of Black Service Organizations.</a>
<b>1:10 - 1:50 pm</b>	<b>Advisory Council Business</b> I. Approval of December Minutes  II. Reports from Committees and Councils (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocacy Committee – Diana Thompson</li> <li>○ Planning &amp; Allocations Committee - Lorna Stone</li> <li>○ VSHSL Board Seniors Committee - Cindy Snyder</li> <li>○ NW Universal Design Council - Tom Minty</li> <li>○ Mayor’s Council on African American Elders – Pamela Williams</li> <li>○ Age-Friendly Seattle - Dinah Stephens</li> </ul> III. Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ King County, Department of Community and Human Services</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public Health Seattle-King County</li> <li>○ Sound Cities Association</li> </ul> <p>IV. AC in the community V. ADS Director’s Report, Mary Mitchell (10 min)</p>
<b>1:50 - 1:55 pm</b>	<b>Other Announcements</b>
<b>1:55 - 2:10 pm</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>

**Upcoming Advisory Council Meetings and Other Advocacy Events**

Next Advisory Council meeting February 14, 2025

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# ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

January 10, 2024 - 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Join us on [Zoom](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/98166893090>

## AGENDA

Item	Presenter	Time
<b>1. Welcome and Approval of December Meeting Minutes</b>	Committee Chair	5 min
<b>2. Advisory Council Check-in</b> Share information on recent advocacy and partnership activities and emerging issues. As a result, members will have a better understanding of the committee's collective work and identify connections that support their advocacy priorities.	All	40 min
<b>3. Advocacy Issues</b> Federal, state, and local updates.	ADS Staff	30 min
<b>4. Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review of Action Items</li></ul>	Michael	1 min



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## Advisory Council Holiday Party

### Meeting Minutes - **DRAFT**

December 13, 2024

**Advisory Council Members:** Dr. Joel Domingo, Joe Hailey, Tom Minty, Alex O'Reilly, Cynthia Snyder, Lorna Stone, Diana Thompson, Barb Williams, Dick Woo

**HSD Staff:** Michael Adusah, Jessica Gardner, Maria Langlais, Mary Mitchell, Rita Santiago

#### 1. Council Updates and Discussions

- 2025 Area Plan Budget

Jessica Gardner presented an overview of the 2025 ADS Area Plan Budget. The revised budget reflected final numbers from the City's adopted 2025 budget. Overall, the Area Plan budget increased from \$15.4 million in 2024 to \$17.3 million in 2025, with some areas experiencing decreases due to shifting funding elsewhere. The Adult Day program had a budget reduction, while the Elder Abuse Prevention program was increased by \$120,000, and the Long-Term Ombudsman program increased by \$9,000. Praise was expressed for Jessica's work in managing the complex budget with multiple funding sources. The importance of the Congregate Nutrition program was discussed, specifically, the need to sustain and increase grant funding for future years.

- Advisory Council Bylaws

Advisory Council members reviewed a proposed update to the bylaws. The update was intended to address a discrepancy between the bylaws and the interlocal agreement, which had resulted in a backlog of appointments. Specifically, the bylaws indicate that King County was responsible for the appointment of a certain number of members, while the interlocal agreement states that the City of Seattle is the appointing authority. The proposed changes to the bylaws clarify that the City is the appointing authority – all appointments will go through the Mayor's Office for nomination and the City Council for approval. The proposed changes also included language to make the bylaws more inclusive.

**Action:** The Council voted to adopt the revised bylaws as submitted with abstention by Dick Woo.

- Election of new officers  
Alex, Lorna, and Joel expressed interest in various positions.

**Action:** The Council voted unanimously to adopt the slate of officers as submitted:

- Alex O'Reilly, Chair
- Cynthia Snyder, Vice Chair
- Joel Domingo, At Large Member
- Lorna Stone, Chair P&A Committee
- Diana Thompson, Chair – Advocacy Committee

There were no candidates for the Secretary position.

## **2. Celebration and Recognition**

2024 accomplishments were reviewed, including advocating for an additional \$12 million for Senior Nutrition and meeting with all members of the federal congressional delegation for King County. Outgoing members Dick and Barb were acknowledged, along with Zelda Foxall and Larry Low, both of whom left during the past year.

Outgoing members were presented with certificates of appreciation signed by ADS Director Mary Mitchell and Mayor Bruce Harrell.

## **3. Other Business**

Mary Mitchell announced that Irene Stewart retired, and ADS is in conversation with Illuminage, publisher of AgeWise King County, for them to take a more active role in the monthly publication. This transition presents an opportunity to assess the publication's impact and explore possible changes, including timing and frequency of publication, the number and length of articles per issue, type of content, formatting, and focus audience. The next issue will be published in late January or early February and will include the council's legislative priorities. Members were encouraged to share ideas for future topics and continue advocating for their interests to be reflected in the publication.

Council meetings in 2025 will be a mix of virtual (Zoom) and in-person/hybrid meetings. Staff are working to schedule 3-4 in-person meetings. Council members enjoyed the Arts & Culture meeting space and would be willing to use the space for future meetings. Other in-person events include meetings with legislators throughout the year, Senior Lobby and W4A advocacy days in Olympia, and Senior Lobby Conference and Statewide Advisory Council meetings in October.