



# 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, February 14, 2025 - VIRTUAL MEETING**

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<https://zoom.us/j/92142061613>

Agenda / Schedule	
10:00 - 11:30 am	Advocacy Committee (see attached agenda)
12:00 – 12:40 pm	Presentation and Q&A: Overview of the 2025 ADS-Department of Neighborhoods (DON) Partnership
12:40-12:45 pm	Senior Center update
12:45 - 1:00 pm	Race and Social Justice (RSJ) Moment: <a href="#">One More Bridge to Cross by R David Moore</a>
1:00 - 1:40 pm	<b>Advisory Council Business</b> I. Approval of January 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>1:40 - 1:45 pm</b>	<b>Other Announcements</b>
<b>1:45 - 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>

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

Next Advisory Council meeting March 14, 2025

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# ADS Advisory Council Advocacy Committee Meeting

February 14, 2025 - 10:00 to 11:30 AM

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## AGENDA

Item	Presenter	Time
1. <b>Welcome and Approval of January Meeting Minutes</b>	Committee Chair	5 min
2. <b>Advisory Council 2025 Priorities</b>	All	60 min
3. <b>Advocacy Issues</b> Federal, state, and local updates.	ADS Staff	10 min
4. <b>Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review of Action Items</li></ul>	Michael	1 min



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## Advisory Council Monthly Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

January 10, 2025

### Attending

Advisory Council Members: Dr. Joel Domingo, Joe Hailey, Tom Minty, CM Cathy Moore, Alex O'Reilly, Cynthia Snyder, Lorna Stone, Diana Thompson.

HSD Staff: Michael Adusah, Maria Langlais, Mary Mitchell, Waing Waing

AAA Liaisons: AJ Foltz, Sound Cities Association (SCA)

Guests: Maddie Norell, Seattle U MSW; Kari-Mae Miles, VA; JJ Wong.

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Overview of the 2025 Washington State Legislative Session

Presentation by Jon Gould, Vice President of Public Policy at Akin (formerly Childhaven);

Jon Gould previewed the upcoming Washington State legislative session, stressing the need for a balanced budget due to a projected \$10–\$12 billion deficit. He noted that the February revenue forecast wouldn't significantly change the outlook and highlighted potential federal impacts on state revenues. Governor-elect Ferguson's budget priorities focused on spending cuts to new and under-implemented programs but lacked a detailed budget. His policy team does not yet include a dedicated advisor for aging and disability issues.

Jon discussed the Democratic majority in both legislative chambers, noting key leadership changes: Senator Andy Billig's retirement, Jamie Pedersen's appointment as Senate Majority Leader, Senator Joe Nguyen's move to lead the State Department of Commerce, and Representative Emily Alvarado's appointment to the 44th District Senate seat. He emphasized the Senate Ways and Means Committee's role, chaired by Senator June Robinson, in shaping budget and tax bills. While House and Senate leaders differ on budget solutions, both support a mix of new revenue and spending cuts. Jon invited further discussion on specific issues and strategies.

#### 2. Race and Social Justice (RSJ) Moment

[The Origins of Black Service Organizations.](#)

#### 3. Advisory Council Business

- Joe Hailey moved to approve the minutes for December 13, 2024. Lorna Stone seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

- Reports from Committees and Councils

- Advocacy Committee - Diana Thompson

The committee discussed which advocacy priorities they wished to support, in addition to W4A priorities; a decision will be made at the February 14 meeting and will seek council approval.

Joe discussed the outcomes of a study conducted by WSU on older drivers, which was mandated by SB 5560. The study aimed to improve road safety for elderly drivers. Key components included a voluntary license surrender program for seniors, a reduction in license renewal periods, and the establishment of a Medical Advisory Board to assess and recommend tools for at-risk drivers. The board would also handle appeals. The study also suggested mandatory refresher courses and potential restrictions for high-risk drivers. The study identified older drivers as 55 and older.

- Planning & Allocations Committee - Lorna Stone

No meeting occurred in January. The committee will have a report in February.

- VSHSL Board Seniors Committee - Cindy Snyder

Cindy noted she couldn't attend the last meeting but mentioned another is scheduled for next week. Alex, who attended, shared that the senior council has been working to expand its membership for better countywide representation. They recently welcomed three or four new members, and a representative from Sound Generations was also present.

- NW Universal Design Council - Tom Minty

A program specialist with the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners serves on the Design Council. They manage a developer's portal that tracks city initiatives, including zoning incentives and funding, to promote universal design.

Tom and his partner collaborated with the Real Estate Standards Organization and the Northwest Multiple Listing Service to develop searchable accessibility criteria in multiple listings. He is creating a video-based master class training program offering 10 hours of continuing education credit.

In August, Tom presented the class to over a thousand multiple listing organizations across the U.S. and Canada at the Council of Multiple Listings, receiving positive feedback. He hopes to establish a national program to train realtors on the importance of accessibility in housing.

- Mayor's Council on African American Elders - Pamela Williams  
The December meeting was a holiday social gathering where members were encouraged to invite guests. At least six or seven non-Council attendees joined, learning about the Council's role and offerings. Pamela hopes this will lead to new members.

- Reports / Action Items from AAA Partners

Sound Cities Association – The 2025 appointment process is complete. Bellevue Councilmember Janice Zahn is a new member but was unable to attend today. Councilmember Larimer remains on the council. The SCA's legislative agenda was shared at this morning's Advocacy Committee meeting and is expected to be approved and released next week.

- AC in the community

Alex had shared contact information for the state health insurance benefits advisors (SHIBA) to some individuals who needed assistance during the Medicare open enrollment period. She was also in touch with the Greenwood Senior Center on some legislative issues.

- ADS Director's Report, Mary Mitchell

Staffing announcements: Mike Wong joined ADS as contracts manager, and Shawn Neal filled the vacant supervisor position. Naisha on the care coordination team added a nursing services manager position, Cindy Broughton. The care coordination team is looking for a consultant to focus on behavioral health needs to bring that expertise internally.

Long-time HSD employee, Edwin Obras is now the representative of the 33rd legislative district, filling the position vacated by Tina Orwell.

W4A lobby week will take place the first week of February, and they are hosting a webinar on Jan 21 to prepare advocates for meetings with legislators. Senior Lobby Day is on February 20, and ADS will be bringing a delegation to Olympia for in-person meetings.

ADS signed a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Neighborhoods on an outreach and engagement strategy.

Work is nearing completion at the Renton office, with ADS expected to move in on January 27, pending final inspection. The South King County team is planning a welcome

event for team members on February 5. At a future date, members of the Advisory Council, the Mayor's Council on African American Elders, and community providers will be invited to an open house in Renton.

Waing Waing is project managing the RFP for senior centers and will brief the council at a future meeting. Reviewers and raters are needed, and she would like to recruit two to three council members.

Allison Boll is working with the state on the Area Plan. The requirements have been updated, and the state has convened a work group to review them, with Allison serving as the lead.

#### **4. Other Announcements**

ADS is contracting with Illuminage to take on more of the AgeWiseKingCounty production responsibilities. Illuminage sent a message to subscribers letting them know there was a temporary pause (no January issue) and asking for their input on the publication.

The Planning & Allocations committee seeks members; a review of the bylaws was suggested by Andrea Yip.