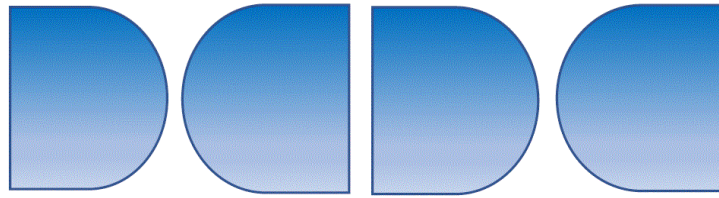




DUBUQUE COUNTY DISABILITIES COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

Mission: To represent the perspectives of People with Disabilities to the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors and to actively seek change in policies and practices that create more opportunities and dismantle barriers for People with Disabilities in Dubuque County.

Meeting: 1/13/2026

Location: West Campus Dubuque County Office, 1225 Seippel Road

Attendance: Matt Kennedy, Lori Anderson, Margee Woywood, Shannon Russell, Tom Kuhle, Margaret Riddell, Ann Williams, Debbie Devenuta, Jim Vansteenburgh, Tom Derr



Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Matt Kennedy

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: November meeting minutes moved for approval by Matt, seconded by Margee with all in agreement.

New Member: None

AGENDA:

1. Matt created the new DCDC Gaggle.email listserv so all members have easy access to connect with all council members, but this service is now requesting payment. We will need to discuss at future meetings on how to move forward.
2. Voting for 2 Vice Chairs: Ann Williams and Jim Vansteenburgh motion by Margee, seconded by Tom and all approved.
Voting for Secretary: Lori remain in secretary position until end of June 2026 all approved.
3. Ann reviewed information regarding training needed by new members from the County Board of Supervisors. She will continue to investigate and bring back information to the next meeting.
4. Discussion of DCDC mission and next steps. Ann asked everyone for input regarding if DCDC is meeting the mission and if we need to explore other avenues. Summary of input:
 - Many feel DCDC should attend some of the County Supervisors' meetings to report out and give input.
 - How to support the jail system to give support for accommodations (interpreters, sign language, etc.)
 - How can we be more accessible for the community to give input and concerns to DCDC to follow up on (email, phone, have a form at events, etc.)

- Need additional presence at community events and activities. Possibly consider additional volunteers to assist with these events. Many feel a need to promote DCDC more.
 - We currently do not seek any funding. Should this change in our future? For what purpose?
5. Next meeting: Please review Mission and Vision and focus on two elements and what are some actionable items.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:00 by Tom, seconded by Matt.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2026 4:00-5:00 at West Campus Dubuque County Office