

Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council

**MEETING MINUTES**

Legislative Committee

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
02/09/2026	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Zoom

Member Name and Attendance

ASD Advisory Body Members					
Jimnahs Miller, ASDAC Chair		Meghan Gallagher, Member	R	Patrick Heick, Member	R
Yana Razumnaya, ASDAC Chair		Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Member		Marcia Eckerd, Member	
Melissa Hoon, Member		Sarah Schlegel, Member	R	Christine Faessa, Member	
Kimberly Mearmen, Legislative Chair	R	Julie Wolf, Member		Melissa Paul Perez, Member	
Kari Sassu, Member		Lynne Altschuler, Member		Lois Rosenwald, Member	
ASD Supporting Agencies & Other Participants					
Jennifer Corneau, ADS BRS		Ann Gionet, DPH		Zani Imetovski, OPM	
Bryan Klimkiewicz, CSDE		Tobey Partch-Davies, DRCT	R	Tara Viens, OPM	R
Dorothy Papa-Santini, CSDE		Christine Weston, DSS		Susan Stange, DSS	R
Stephanie Bozak, DCF		MaryBeth Miller, OEC		Jennifer Krom, Carelon	R
Krista Ostaszewski, DDS		Kolleen Kerski, OEC			
Jennifer Abbatemarco, DMHAS		Judy Dowd, OPM			
<i>Attendance Key: R = attended remotely, I = attended in-person, X = absent</i>					

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Kim Mearman</b>
	Call to Order	
2.	<b>Review &amp; Approve Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Kim Mearman</b>
	Kim made a motion and Patrick 2 <sup>nd</sup> to approve January minutes	
3.	<b>DSS Waiver Presentation</b>	<b>Susan Stange</b>
	Power Point will be posted on the website with the minutes.	
4.	<b>Discussion &amp; Links</b>	<b>Kim Mearman &amp; Tara Viens</b>
	The <a href="#">Governor's Budget</a> has been posted on the OPM website The <a href="#">Appropriation's Committee</a> has posted their budget hearing schedule, they will hear testimony on the DSS budget on Wednesday February 18 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. You can submit written testimony <a href="#">here</a> .  Tara will try to find the report on workforce commissioned in PA 23-137 Sec 11	
5.	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Tara Viens</b>
	Next meeting will be held on March 9, 2026 at 2:00pm We will plan to discuss SSI and ASD disability determinations	
6.	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Kim Mearman</b>