

Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council

**MEETING MINUTES**

Legislative Subcommittee

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
April 13, 2026	2:00pm-3:00pm	Zoom

Member Name and Attendance

ASD Advisory Body Members					
Jimnahs Miller, ASDAC Chair	R	Meghan Gallagher, Member		Patrick Heick, Member	
Yana Razumnaya, ASDAC Chair		Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Member		Marcia Eckerd, Member	
Melissa Hoon, Member		Sarah Schlegel, Member		Christine Faessa, Member	R
Kimberly Mearmen, Legislative Chair	R	Julie Wolf, Member		Melissa Paul Perez, Member	
Kari Sassu, Member	R	Lynne Altschuler, Member		Lois Rosenwald, Member	
ASD Supporting Agencies & Other Participants					
Jessica Corneau, ADS BRS	R	Ann Gionet, DPH		Zani Imetovski, OPM	
Bryan Klimkiewicz, CSDE	R	Tobey Partch-Davies, DRCT		Tara Viens, OPM	R
Dorothy Papa-Santini, CSDE		Christine Weston, DSS		Susan Stange, DSS	
Stephanie Bozak, DCF		MaryBeth Miller, OEC		Jennifer Krom, Carelon	
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)
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Kim Mearman</b>
	Call to Order	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Review &amp; Approve Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Kim Mearman</b>
	Motion made by Jimnah and Christine seconded approval of March meeting minutes.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>ADS Presentation</b>	<b>Robert Adriani</b>
	Connect to Work, overview of benefits counseling at ADS	
<b>5.</b>	<b>New Business</b>	<b>Tara Viens</b>
	Session Update: Appropriations released their FY27 mid-term budget adjustments, <a href="#">LINK</a> We are watching several bills that may have an impact on the autism community, too soon to tell what final language will make it to the floor.  Next meeting will be held on Monday May 11 <sup>th</sup> 2026 at 2:00pm	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Kim Mearman</b>