



New Member Orientation

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

**Joe R Williams Building
Aspen Conference Room
700 State Street, Boise, ID**

- 10:00 am Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Swearingen, Council Chair & Christine Pisani, Executive Director
- Why did you want to be a Council Member? - Kevin Swearingen
- 10:30 am Plan for Today - Christine Pisani
- 10:40 am Introduction to Council Staff and the DD Council
- Vision and Mission – Ann Martindale and Rochelle Larsen, Council Members
 - What is a State DD Council, Our Authority and Independence – Christine Pisani, Executive Director
 - DD Council Federal Roles – Richelle Tierney, Analyst
 - Designated State Agency – Christine Pisani, Executive Director
- 11:30 am Break
- 11:45 am The DD Council State Plan Process – Marieke Edwards, Senior Research Analyst
- Strategic Planning
 - Measuring and Reporting Progress
 - Priority Areas
- 12:15 am Working Lunch: Discuss Conflict of Interest and Review Form

- 12:45 pm Council Membership & Meetings – Council Staff
- Who is on the Council and Member Responsibilities
 - How the Council makes Decisions – DR Reff, Council Member
 - Voting and Quorum
- 2:00 pm Break
- 2:15 pm Council’s Role in Advocacy, Education and Policy – Richelle Tierney, Policy Analyst
- 3:15 pm Funding and Budgets – Christine Pisani, Executive Director and Mona Engelbrecht, Financial Specialist
- 3:50 pm Wrap-Up, Evaluations, Paperwork
- 4:00 pm Adjourn