

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission

Special Meeting

May 1, 2025, 3:00pm-3:45pm

**Electronic Meeting**

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**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Lana Sargent, Chair  
Michael Watson, Vice Chair  
Leslie Bowie  
Bea Gonzalez  
Stephanie LaPrade  
Laura Marshall  
Margie Shaver  
James Stovall  
Ishan Williams  
Jennie Wood  
Zachary Wood  
Faika Zanjani

**Ex Officio**

Annette Clark, DBHDS  
Rachel Coney, VDH  
Jason Rachel, DMAS

**Absent**

Bonnie Bradshaw  
Vanessa Crawford  
Kathy Hayfield, DARS (Ex officio)  
James Towey  
Tara Ragland, DSS (Ex officio)

**Guest**

Josh Myers, Alzheimer's Association

**Staff**

George Worthington, Dementia Services  
Director  
Heather Kidd, Dementia Services Specialist

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>Welcome and Introductions of Members and Guests</b> Chair Lana Sargent opened the meeting at 3:01p.m., welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves. Following the introductions, Ms. Sargent reviewed the purpose of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Commission.	<b>Lana Sargent, Chair</b>
<b>Review and Adopt Meeting Agenda</b> <i>Action Item:</i> Approve Agenda Ms. Sargent asked whether there were any changes to the proposed agenda; there were none. Margie Shaver made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. This was seconded by Ishan Williams and approved by a unanimous vote.	<b>Lana Sargent</b>
<b>Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:</b> A recommendation was made to defer review of the previous meeting minutes to the June 10 meeting. There were no objections.	<b>Lana Sargent</b>
<b>Public Comment</b> There were no public comments received or offered.	<b>Lana Sargent</b>

<p><b>Legislative Committee Proposals: Discussion</b></p> <p><i>Action item:</i> Review and approve letter to General Assembly Budget Conference Committee members.</p> <p>Bea González shared the draft letter addressed to the members of the budget conference for review. There was a discussion as to how to proceed if the Governor signs the budget as opposed to vetoing it. Ms. González made a motion to approve and send the letter if the governor vetoes the budget but to hold the letter for further discussion and amendments if he signs the budget. The motion was seconded by Zachary Wood and approved by a unanimous vote.</p> <p>The letter as well as a recommendation to compose a thank you letter will be discussed at the June 10 Commission meeting.</p> <p><i>Action item:</i> Approve preliminary plans for a Dementia State Plan Summit/Roundtable on September 9, 2024</p> <p>Members held a robust discussion about this proposed event. Ms. González shared that she has procured sponsorship. Several topics were suggested with the plan to connect topics with subject matter experts as speakers. There was a recommendation to have the event focus on the Commission's legislative priorities for 2026. Mr. Worthington will share a form with members to suggest topics and speakers. These suggestions as well as further event details will be discussed at the upcoming commission meeting on June 10.</p> <p>Ms. Sargent made a recommendation to move the plan forward. The motion to do so was made by Ms. González, seconded by Laura Marshall and unanimously passed by members.</p>	<p><b>Bea González</b></p>
<p><b>Future Meeting Dates (Tuesdays 10 am – 2 pm)</b></p> <p>June 10, 2025</p> <p>September 9, 2025</p> <p>December 9, 2025</p>	<p><b>Lana Sargent</b></p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>There was no new business.</p>	<p><b>Lana Sargent</b></p>
<p><b>Public Comment Period</b></p> <p>There were no public comments.</p>	<p><b>Lana Sargent</b></p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>Chair Sargent adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Lana Sargent</b></p>