

Brookings Disability Awareness Committee  
Date: 1/22/2026  
Brookings City and County Government Center  
520 3rd St, Room 241  
Brookings, SD 57006  
Phone (605) 692-6281

Attendance: : Ramona Kauk, Jamy Schomaker, Lacy Knutson, Ali Teesdale, Jennifer Mees, Ariana Limoges, Carrie Smith, Mark Sternhagen, Keena Melville

SDSU Student:

SDSU Liaison: Jenny Hallan

HRC Liaison:

Library Liaison:

Brookings School District Liaison: Alysha Hamann, Summer Shultz (12:23) – BSD Superintendent

City Representative: Maureen

Guests:

1. Call To Order
  1. Mtg called to order at 12:00
2. Approval items
  1. Agenda
  2. Minutes

Ramona motion to approve minutes and agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carrie  
vote: Ramona yes, Jamy yes, Lacy yes, Ali yes, Jen yes, Ari yes, Carrie yes, Mark yes  
Motion carries
3. Public Comment
  - a. None
  - b. Budget Updates
  - c. all mini grants submitted W-9 and have received funds or will with in the next week
4. Officer Updates:
  - a) Chair no
  - b) Vice chair no
  - c) Reporter no
  - d) Media No
  - e) City: Mini grant recipient show cased on KELO land Aired 1/20/2026 – Life Skills Lab was awarded mini grant funds last year.
  - f) SDSU: 11am – 1pm Student Panel, Faculty panel, Parent Panel April 1· 2026; Tables will be available from autistic students demoing their skills.
  - g) BSD – No

5. Officer Elections Re-elect Mark Chair, Elect Carrie vice Chair, Re-elect Jen secretary  
Ali Motion to approve elections, Ramona 2<sup>nd</sup>

Vote: Ramona yes, Jamy yes, Lacy yes, Ali yes, Jen yes, Ari yes, Carrie yes, Mark yes

Motion Caries

- a) Katie Kuntson and Rachel have stepped down from the committee, currently 2 full member positions + SDSU student Liason

6. Speaker: None; Please let an officer/member know of any recommendations or individuals willing to speak.

7. Access Issues:

- a) Snow removal concerns

8. Work Plan Item:

- a) March Developmental Disabilities Month – Proclamation at March 10 or 24, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Motion to approve proclamation Ramona, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carrie

Vote: Ramona yes, Jamy yes, Lacy yes, Ali yes, Jen yes, Ari yes, Carrie yes, Mark yes

Motion Caries

9. Events/Publicity Discussion (Social Media Campaign): Lacy discussed upcoming free events Sponsored by Lucas P. Wintrode, Autism Support Services: Next Event: Connecting Families: Autism Support Gathering, Sunday January 25, 2026 3:00 – 4:30pm at Wildfire Gym in Brookings, SD.

10. Next Meeting: February 26, 2026 at 12:00PM In person/ via zoom

11. Adjournment: Motion Jamy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ramona

Vote: Ramona yes, Jamy yes, Lacy yes, Ali yes, Jen yes, Ari yes, Carrie yes, Mark yes

Motion Caries Adjourned at 12:41pm