



**Mill Levy Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026**

Members Present:	Michelle Dumay, Member Tinsley Ore, Member Lynn Kutner, DHS Liaison Corinne DePersis, Member Seth Grove, Member and DHS liaison Jennifer Gilbert, Member Schuyler Kropp, Member Cristina Gomez, Member	Staff:	Dana Johnson, Executive Assistant Abby Grinstead, Mill Levy Associate Director Emily Mowrer, ML Program Manager Kizzly Blue, ML Program Manger Lindsey Lambert, Director of Developmental and Behavior Services
Members Absent:	Maeline Barnstable, Chair Benny Mudliar, Member Alfredo Jesus Bonilla Flores, Member	Guests:	

Tinsley Ore, Community Advisory Council Member, called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm via Microsoft Teams.

Minutes

The council reviewed the November 11, 2025 minutes. The minutes approval was moved by Jennifer Gilbert and seconded by Cristina Gomez.

IDDEAS AD-CO

Seth Grove reported an update to the council.

<https://denver.prelive.opencities.com/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Denver-Human-Services/Events/2021/IDDEAS-Advisory-Council>

Community Initiative: TACT

Becky Mershon presented an overview of Teach Autistic Community Trades (TACT), a workforce development program founded in 2016 that supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in gaining competitive, integrated employment. The program serves

approximately 60 participants annually and focuses on technical trades and career pathways for individuals ages 14 and older. TACT utilizes a semester-based, project-driven training model rather than a lecture-based approach, with small class sizes to support individualized learning. Participants receive job placement assistance and on-site employment coaching through partnerships with more than 70 employers, resulting in an 83 percent employment success rate. While the program supports many individuals with autism, a diagnosis is not required to participate.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Community Initiatives

The Council discussed the shift from an annual RFP process to an RFI model. More information to come.

Announcements

The CAC made announcements including RMHS now allowing direct deposit respite checks.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm.

Next Meeting

The next Mill Levy Community Advisory Council meeting will be held April 21, 2026 via Microsoft Teams.