

# Board Buddies

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## Summary

To help newly appointed Council members become acquainted with their roles and responsibilities as members, each new member will be assigned a “Buddy” from the Council (who generally has more than one year of experience on this Council) who can answer their questions and guide them to further informational and personnel resources in this regard.

The Council Secretary will provide a list of the Board Buddy pairs.

## Duties

The duties of a Board Buddy Mentor:

1. Meet at least one time with your assigned buddy.
2. Share your best tips and tricks to paperwork, attending meetings, or doing community engagement work.
3. Explain your area of interest and what you wish you knew when you started on the Council.

The duties of a new member:

1. Meet at least once with your assigned buddy.
2. Ask great questions.
3. Share why you joined the Council and what your areas of interest are in the disability community.
4. Write down terms, ideas, or agenda items that were confusing to you so that you can get clarification later.

## Frequently Asked Questions

* I forgot who my buddy is?
	+ Ask Shannon! Council.Disability@state.mn.us
* Does it matter where we meet?
	+ It’s recommended to meet in person to build the relationships but it’s up to you!
	+ *If in-person isn’t doable, no problem! Do it virtually or over the phone.*
* How long do we need to meet?
	+ As long as you’d like. Most likely it will be at least 30 minutes.

## History

| Version | Description | Date |
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| 0.1 | First Draft | 07/19/2023 |
| 0.2 | Edits from initial feedback | 07/27/2023 |
| 1.2 | Tenth Result | Eleventh Result |