

DHARMA COUNCIL MEETING Agenda

6/12/25 7-8:45 PM

The Dharma Council provides oversight and stewardship of Dharma presentation and practice at DRZC to support its core mission and values.

In Attendance: Myo'i, Jiko, Daikō, Jyōshin, Ko'in, Brian, Konen, Reiju

Absent:

Facilitator: Daiko

Location: Uji

Recorder: Konen

Agenda

Tiny Meditation

60-Second Check-in

[Approved Minutes](#) from prior meeting

Next Meeting Date: 7/10/2025

Member Concerns, if any:

Updates on action Items from previous meeting(s):

Per Dharma Cloud Day: Brian will need to try again. Tentative April date will not fly.

Narrowing it down to two days. Firm up a date.

1. Increased integration of Children and Families into the larger sangha.
 - a. Background: We met with members of the Dharma Garden Council last month.
 - b. Summary of main discussion points. Lots of ideas were generated, but no decisions made. Subcommittee to be established to discuss further.

Konen and Ko'in to start a subcommittee with Dharma Garden. Konen to initiate finding a date to meet. (June 1st after Dharma Talk). Feedback from Kakumyo. Other thoughts about where we go from here.

c. *Decided:*

d. **Action Items**

2. Sangha Party

- a. *Background:* Scheduled for August 2. Reiju is our point person. Dharma Garden has asked to help with the planning, and Daiko said yes to that.
- b. *Summary of main discussion points:* Party planning, and how best to coordinate with Jen/DharmaGarden Council.
- c. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- d. **Action Item(s):**

3. Day of Mindfulness: Flying Fish

- a. *Background:*
- b. *Summary of main discussion points:* Proposal approved via email vote
- c. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- d. **Action Item(s):**

4. Podcast Proposal from Dharma Garden Council

- a. *Background:*
- b. *Summary of main discussion points:* Proposal approved via email
- c. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- d. **Action Items**

5. Conference Proposal from Garden Dharma Council

- a. *Background:*
- b. *Summary:* Proposal approved via email
- c. *Decisions:*(review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- d. **Action items**

6. Limits and Prioritization of Cohort Groups - Jiko

- a. *Background:*
- b. *Summary of Main Discussion Points:*
- c. *Decisions:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- d. **Action Items**

7. Proposal for Summer Diamond Sutra Study Group - Ko'in

- a. *Background:*
- b. *Summary:* Proposal approved via email
- c. *Decisions:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- d. **Action Items**

8. Health of the Sangha - any observations? (standing agenda item

- a. *Background*
- b. *Summary of main discussion points*
- c. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- d. **pAction Item(s):**

9. Recurring Monitoring Reports and Announcements

Temple Officers: New bigger font Chant Books are now being used. Wesak ceremony - next year the procession will be a more prominent feature of the ceremony.

Integrating children and families- Suggested starting small, do it on a regular Dharma School Sunday, maybe do a short service, short (like 10 minutes) talk or something geared to kids, and then have them go back to Dharma School.

Strategic Plan- Zonnyo and Thomas Bruner will facilitate the first forum about the strategic plan.

Dharma Rain Active Transmitted Teachers:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

Affiliated Groups:

Other Reports/Announcements

10. Action Item Assignments