

DHARMA COUNCIL MEETING Agenda

11/13/25 7-8:30PM

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: January 8 2026

Member Concerns:

Updates on action Items from previous meeting(s):

Action Items:

1. Daikō will start recruiting new members
2. Jiko will talk to Ko'in and Teijin about late seminary workshop - please review Jiko's email of 10/31/25
3. Brian will put new class proposal form on the website - **DONE**
4. Myo'i will communicate with Dan, as head of the Guest Masters, about drying off wheelchairs, if necessary, when entering the Sodo
5. Daikō will communicate with Christina, as head of the jishas, about accessibility to Sanzen - **DONE**
6. Brian will go to Rose Villa and maybe WyEast
7. Brian will start working on the planning committee for Dharma Cloud Day

1. Agenda Items

- a. Question/Topic: Any updates/reports from Dharma Garden Council
 - i. *Background:* As part of the Hemera Grant, The Dharma Garden Council is working on a podcast and a booklet
 - ii. *Summary of main discussion points:*
 - iii. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
 - iv. *Action Item(s):*

- b. Question/Topic: Letter supporting expansion of bus service on 82nd Ave
 - i. *Background:* Kakumyo requested approval from the Dharma Council to join other nonprofit organizations in sending a letter to Tri Met to advocate for expanded bus service on 82nd Ave.
 - ii. *Summary of main discussion points:*
 - iii. *Decided: **The Dharma Council voted unanimously to approve this request via email.***
 - iv. ***Action Items:***

Question/Topic: Developing a policy to guide our response to ICE agents presence at DRZC

- a. *Summary of main discussion points:* In response to a member concern presented to the Board of Directors, Kakumyo requested approval from the Dharma Council to develop a policy to verbally refuse entry and information as a way of protecting our members.
- b. *Decided: **The Dharma Council unanimously approved this proposal via email.***
- c. ***Action Item(s):***

Question/Topic: Jiko's 11/03 email re: ICE

- a. *Background:* We've agreed to protect our vulnerable members in the event that ICE comes to our campus
- b. *Summary of main discussion points:* Suggestion of designating "private" areas, locking the Sodo whenever we don't have designated public events, and knowing our rights.
- c. [ACLU Know Your Rights](#)
- d. [PIRC Preparing for ICE](#)
- e. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- f. ***Action Item(s):***

Question/Topic: Reports from Cohort Groups

- a. *Background:* Myo'i requested reports from all the cohort groups that were due on 11/0125
- b. *Summary of main discussion points:*
- c. *Decided:* (review [Equity Lens](#) for significant decisions)
- d. ***Action Item(s):***

4. 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. ***Action Item(s):***

4. Recurring Monitoring Reports and Announcements

- a. Temple Officers:
- b. Dharma Rain Active Transmitted Teachers:
- c. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:
- d. Affiliated Groups:
- e. Other Reports/Announcements

Action Item Assignments