



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, March 18, 2026

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair L. Keeler called the electronic meeting of the Commission on Disability Issues to order at 4:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Robert Packard, Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

Absent 3 - Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, and Annika Konrad

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

Members of the public addressed the commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Mozak, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Packard, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 4/6/2026. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

Kennedi Cummings reported that there is no city personnel report or updates at this time.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin s was not present to provide an update to the commission.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION**WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED - KATIE MONKIEWICZ**

For information on the events that are taking place at the Library, please visit their website at <http://wlbpd.aadl.org/>

DISABILITY NETWORK (Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston) - ANDREA HENRY

For information on the events that are taking place with the Disability Network, please visit their website at <http://DNWML.org>

PARTNERS IN ACCESS - ROB PACKARD

Commissioner Packard reported that the sub-committee did meet last week and discussed updates on current topics brought to the commission. The committee also discussed updates regarding a commission social media page and new commission leadership. The sub-committee will meet again in April. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Chair Keeler.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins reported that CTN is still booking guest speakers for Ann Arbor Inclusive episodes. Commissioner Mozak shared that she has become the backup host for Ann Arbor Inclusive. More information and details to come.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - KATHLEEN MOZAK

Commissioner Mozak reported that recruitment for the Commission has been active recently. The Commission has 2 vacancies. Commissioner

Mozak is currently reviewing 3 previously submitted applications.

Anyone who is interested in applying can do so by contacting the Mayor's office at 734-794-6161, or applying online at <https://a2gov.granicus.com/boards/w/fe6c5e22e6f4a331/vacancies>.

This site can also be accessed online via the following path:

- 1. Go to a2gov.org*
- 2. Click "Democracy" in the orange banner at the top of the page*
- 3. Click "Board and Commissions" under the Meetings column*
- 4. Scroll down to and click "Commission on Disability Issues" from the alphabetically sorted list.*
- 5. Click the "Apply" button at the upper-right corner of the page.*
- 6. Complete the application, including all required fields, and then click "Submit" at the button of the page.*

Interested persons may also reach out if they may be interested in serving on subcommittees such as Partners in Access and Community Engagement.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION UPDATE - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler reported that the Transportation Commission did meet last month. The commission discussed different completed and current construction projects around the City. Chair Keeler also shared that the commission discussed different parking issues around the city and adding additional bike lanes as well. More information and details to come. The commission is determined to address snow removal concerns early for the upcoming season. The Transportation Commission is meeting tonight at 7:00pm and the meeting will be live on CTN.

U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - MATTHEW SOLOMON

Commissioner Solomon reported that the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns did meet this month on zoom. There was a short presentation about Neurodiversity project online. Commissioner Solomon also reported that the upcoming Beautiful Minds Conference will be held April 14, 2026 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. All are welcomed to attend.

CHAIR REPORT - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler reported that the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission (ICPOC) invited the commission to attend the upcoming Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will feature a Community Conversation on Police–Community Interactions with special guest Dr. Nickolas Camp, a professor and researcher from the University of Michigan whose work examines disparities in police-citizen encounters and their impact on community trust. All are welcomed to attend.

Chair Keeler reported that the commission will participate in VISIONS 2026. The event will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The event will be at the Downtown Ann Arbor District Library branch. Chair Keeler asked commissioners to consider volunteering to table the event. More information and details to come.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission Bylaws Discussion - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler nominated himself to be the Commission Bylaws sub-committee chair. Larry Keeler informed the commission, that he will be the sub-committee chair and Commission Mozak will serve as a sub-committee member. Chair Keeler asked commissioners to review the current commission bylaws. Commissioners will provided their thoughts and feedback on current commission procedures by the next commission meeting. The commission will discussion the language of the bylaws at the next commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicapped Parking Concern: DDA' Development and TIF Plan - LARRY KEELER

Commissioners addressed concerns and issues related to the DDA' Development and TIF Plan. Commissioners also discussed difficulties in addressing this concerns and issues in the community as a commission. Chair Keeler reported that he will be contacting the DDA for more information and will schedule a meeting with the commissions council liaison and the city's ADA coordinator. All commissioners interested in joining the meeting are welcomed to attend. More information and details to come.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Damon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mozak that the meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

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