



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, May 20, 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 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Robert Packard, Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

Absent 2 - Rachel Hawkins, and Annika Konrad

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-0720](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - April 15, 2026

A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Ankenbauer, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 6/15/2026. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

COMMISSION CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION**26-0828 COMMISSION CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION - Ben Bond**

Chair Keeler did an introduction of the commission candidate. The candidate, Ben Bond introduced himself to the commission and provided the commission with his background and experience in disability concerns. Commissioners provided the candidate with questions and comments.

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

Kennedi Cummings reminded commissioners who submitted an application for reappointment need to complete their oath of office. A communication notice has been sent out.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin reported that City Council has started budget season in this month and anticipates that different organizations will need more funding from City Council. More information and details to come. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin also reported that the City of Ann Arbor is working to create a searchable database of all rental properties in the City. The database will include accessibility, income, and family size features. More information to come.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION**VISION ZERO & TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PRESENTATION - KIRK WESTPHAL**

The Neighborhood Institute presented their Safe Street Alliance presentation. For more information about the Neighborhood Institute, please visit their website at <https://www.neighborhoodinstitute.org/>

CITY TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM PRESENTATION - CYNTHIA REDINGER & KALISTA OPSAHL

Cynthia Redinger and Kalista Opsahl presented on the City's traffic calming program. For more information about the City's traffic calming program., please visit the City's website at <https://www.a2gov.org/engineering/traffic/traffic-calming/>

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. Commissioner Packard also reported that the commissions Facebook page has also been created. The link to the Facebook page will be shared with the entire commission.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins was not present to report to the commission but shared that the Ann Arbor inclusive the show that was scheduled to tape on May 19 will be rescheduled as the studios are packing for their move to their new site. The guest for next month will be Robert Williams Mibility Manager from AAATA

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - KATHLEEN MOZAK

Commissioner Mozak shared that the recruitment committee did conduct an interview recently to fill a vacancy on the commission. Commissioner Mozak introduced Ben Bond once again to the commission. The commission currently has 2

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. Chair Keeler also shared that the commission discussed different parking issues around the city and adding additional bike lanes. The commission also discussed current construction projects around the City and projects that are completed. More information and details to come. 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 he did not attend the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns meeting this month but will plan to attend the July meeting.

CHAIR REPORT - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler reminded commissioners 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 asked commissioners last month to review the current commission bylaws. This is specifically in situations where the commission has elections and no Commissioner nominates themselves for either the Chair or Vice Chair position. Commissioners provided their thoughts and feedback on current language. The commission will have an additional discussion on the bylaw changes after the summer recess.

More information and details to come.

NEW BUSINESS

New Commission Candidate Vote - LARRY KEELER

Commissioners provided their thoughts and feedback on the new commission candidate. Additional questions and comments were shared from the recruitment committee.

A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Packard, that Ben Bond application be approved as a new commissioner on the Commission on Disability Issues. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Damon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mozak the meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

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