



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, February 19, 2025

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Z. Damon called the electronic meeting of the Commission on Disability Issues to order at 4:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Rosanita Ratcliff, Robert Packard, Elena Chambers, Lorraine Buis, Sam Ankenbauer, and Annika Konrad

Absent 2 - Rachel Hawkins, and Alex Gossage

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Council Update was moved at the beginning of the Special Presentation section of the agenda after approval of minutes.

A motion was made by Ratcliff, seconded by Keeler, that the Agenda be approved with changes. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-0132](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - January 15, 2025

A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Mozak, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council

and should be returned by 03/03/2025. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin 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. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin shared that she will be working with the commission as well as the Renter's Commission.

DIGITAL ACCESSIBLE FUTURES LAB PRESENTATION

For information on University of Michigan Digital Studies Institute Digital Accessible Futures Lab please visit their website at <https://www.digitalstudies.umich.edu/>

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 - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the sub-committee did not meet last week and has no update to provide the commission. The sub-committee will meet again in March. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Rachel Hawkins was not present to provide an update to the commission.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that recruitment for the Commission has been steady recently. The Commission has filled the last vacancy.

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 bottom 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

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the Transportation Commission met last week and received updates on safe street construction projects. Funding has been allocated toward local project as well. In addition, the commission also has a new Chair and Vice-Chair and approved their annual report. 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 was not present at the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns meeting to provide an update to the commission.

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

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

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon report that he attended the fundraiser for Mott Children's Hospital at Cliff Keen Arena for the University of the Michigan student athletes. They hosted the 26th annual Mock Rock fundraiser to raise funds for CS. Mott Children's Hospital. Chair Damon also invited commissioners to attend the upcoming virtual film festival on April 23rd and April 24th. All are welcomed to attend. In addition, Chair Damon also shared that the upcoming ADA celebration will be held July 26th at the Disability network. Washington, Monroe Livingston. All are welcomed to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ratcliff the meeting adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

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