



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, October 15, 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 4:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Robert Packard, Sam Ankenbauer, and Annika Konrad

Absent 1 - Lorraine Buis

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-1677](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - September 17, 2025

A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Packard, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 10/20/2025. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

Kennedi Cummings reminded commissioners to check their emails for announcements and upcoming events. Kennedi Cummings also shared that the City of Ann Arbor has hired a new Director of Communication.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin shared that she wants to hear about the issues and concerns that are coming up to the commission. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin reported that the City is in the third phase of the comprehensive land use plan. City council will be meeting with the City Planning Department as well. More information and details to come.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION**BEST BUDDIES OF MICHIGAN PRESENTATION**

For more information about Best Buddies of Michigan, please visit their website at <https://www.bestbuddies.org/michigan/>

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 meet last week and discussed updates on current topics brought to the commission. The committee also discussed on going topics regarding creating social media pages and sidewalks in Downtown Ann Arbor. The sub-committee will meet again in November. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins also reported that the Ann Arbor Inclusion is planning to have recording session for next month. More information and details to come.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that recruitment for the Commission has been steady recently. The Commission has 2 vacancies. The commission has received 1 new application.

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

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the Transportation Commission did meet last month. The commission discussed the comprehensive plan and different construction projects around the City. Vice-Chair Keeler also followed up on the sidewalk and cross-walk concerns from the commission to the Transportation Commission. 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 the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns did meet this month. Commissioner Solomon

shared that the committee had break groups during the meeting to engage committee members. Meeting minutes from the council will be shared with the commission once available.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon reported that the James T. Neubacher Award ceremony will be held on October 30, 2025 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. All are welcomed to attend. Chair Damon will share the event registration details with the commission. The event will also has a virtual option. More information and details to come.

OLD BUSINESS

SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSION

The commission discussed creating social media pages for the commission to engage more with community members. Commissioners discussed the idea of creating social media pages and provided their thoughts and feedback. More information and details to come.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSION BYLAWS REVIEW - ELECTION DISCUSSION

The commission discussed the current commission bylaws. Commissioners provided their thoughts and feedback on current commission procedures. The commission will continue the discussion at the next commission meeting.

A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Damon, that the commission bylaws discussion be added to the next meeting agenda. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

[25-1765](#) Commission on Disability Issues Bylaws

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Packard the meeting adjourned at 6:07 P.M.

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