



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, January 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 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Rosanita Ratcliff, Robert Packard, Elena Chambers, Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

Absent 1 - Annika Konrad

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Ratcliff, 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 Mozak, seconded by Keeler, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 01/21/2025. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION**NEW COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION - ANNIKA KONRAD**

Chair Damon did an introduction of the CODI new commissioner. The new commissioner is Annika Konrad.

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 February. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Rachel Hawkins has no update to provide 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 did end of the year task. The Transportation Commission approved their meeting calendar and also received updates on safe street construction projects. In addition, the commission also discussed 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 had no updates to provide to the commission from the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns. The council meeting was cancelled this month.

ORGANIZATIONAL EQUITY - TRACY BYRD

Tracy Byrd was not present to provide an update.

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 Council 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 also shared the cities progress on snow removal. Commissioners shared their thoughts and feedback on the cities progress.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon report that the University of Michigan adaptive sports and fitness program is hosting the 1st ever wheelchair basketball game against Michigan State. The event will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at the Chrysler Center. Attendance is free and all are welcomed to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**2025 Chair and Vice Chair Election**

2025 Officer Election: Chair Damon shared that the commission will hold the election for commission officers in November. Commissioners wishing to nominate someone for the Chair or Vice Chair position should notify Chair Damon and staff liaison Cummings.

Public Engagement Discussion

Chair Damon discussed ideas of how the commission could engage with public more this year. Commissioners shared their thoughts and feedback on how to engage with the public. More information and details to come.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ratcliff the meeting adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

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