



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, December 18, 2024

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 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Robert Packard, Elena Chambers, Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

Absent 3 - Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, and Rosanita Ratcliff

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

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A motion was made by Keeler, seconded by Damon, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 01/06/2025. On a voice vote, the

Chair declared the motion carried.

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>

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin reported that the A2 Snow Match Program is active. The City of Ann Arbor's A2 Snow Match Program pairs residents with nearby neighbors who volunteer to assist them with snow removal on their sidewalks. Residents can register to volunteer and/or receive shoveling services beginning in late December. More information and details to come.

PARTNERS IN ACCESS - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the sub-committee did meet last week and has no update to provide the commission. The sub-committee will meet again in January. 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.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that recruitment for the Commission has been steady recently. The Commission currently is in the process of filling the last vacancy. More information and details to come.

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 had a presentation on intersection data collection and received staff reports. The commission also discussed upcoming 2025 road construction projects. 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 to provide an update. Commissioner Mozak reported that the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns met last week and discussed goals and objectives for 2025. The council also discussed the goals and objectives achieved in 2024.

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.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon shared that in March of 2025 there will event held in Lansing allowing disability advocates to speak and network with State Legislator. All are welcomed to attend. More information and details to come. Chair Damon also shared that he is working with the University of Michigan adaptive sports program and will update the commission on upcoming events in the new year. More information and details to come.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Packard reminded commissioners of the social media project. Chair Damon informed the commission that he will be communicating the next steps of the project and the project will be discussed at the next commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mozak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Keeler the meeting adjourned at 4:39 P.M.

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