



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 21, 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 10 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Alex Gossage, Robert Packard, Lorraine Buis, Sam Ankenbauer, and Annika Konrad

Absent 3 - Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Rosanita Ratcliff, and Elena Chambers

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Keeler, 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 06/02/2025. On a voice vote, the Chair

declared the motion carried.

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

Kennedi Cummings reported that there is no city personnel report or updates at this time. Kennedi Cummings reminded commissioners to check their emails for announcements and upcoming events.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin was not present to provide an update to the commission. Chair Damon provided the commission with a report from Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

COLLEGE PADS PRESENTATION

For more information about College Pads, please contact Dominic Anzalone.

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 the portable bathroom pods around the city. The sub-committee will meet again in June. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins reported that the Ann Arbor Inclusion recorded a sessions this month with Ann Arbor Adaptive Sports. 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 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 did not meet this month. 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 met on May 13th and discussed the future of disability and accessibility at the University of Michigan. Commissioner Solomon also shared information about a survey the council created and encourage commissioners to participate.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon report that commission will be participating in the

upcoming event Visions. Chair Damon encouraged commissioners to attend and shared that the event is open to all. More details and information to come. Chair Damon also reported that the commission will be a part of the Ann Arbor Juneteenth celebration along with HRC and ICPOC. All are welcomed to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ankenbauer the meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

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