



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, September 17, 2025

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair L. Keeler called the electronic meeting of the Commission on Disability Issues to order at 4:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Larry Keeler, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Alex Gossage, Sam Ankenbauer, and Annika Konrad

Absent 4 - Zachary Damon, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Robert Packard, and Lorraine Buis

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mozak, seconded by Ankenbauer, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Vice 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 10/06/2025. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

Kennedi Cummings welcomed commissioners back after the summer recess. 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. Vice Chair Keeler provided the commission with a report from Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION**NEW ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR INTRODUCTION - JENNA TRUONG**

Vice Chair Keeler did an introduction of the new City Accessibility Coordinator to the entire commission. Jenna Truong provided the commission with a brief introduction of themselves and their background on disability issues. J. Truong looks forward to collaborating with the commission.

PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION - JORDAN ROBERTS

Vice Chair Keeler did an introduction of the new City Public Service Administrator to the entire commission. Jordan Roberts provided the commission with a brief introduction of themselves and their background in the service area. J. Roberts discussed the cities current snow removal process. Commissioners discussed their ongoing concerns with snow and snow removal and provided their input to the current process.

PANZA LAB PRESENTATION - JESS MOSER

For more information about the Panza Lab Spinal Cord Injury Study, please visit their website at <https://panzalab.weebly.com/>

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED - LAQUECHIA DAVIS

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 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. The sub-committee will meet again in October. 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's own Community Television Network (CTN) has earned several awards in the annual, multi-state competition, Philo Festival of Media Arts Awards. Presented by the Alliance for Community Media – Central States Region, the Philo Awards recognize excellence in public, educational and government access (PEG) TV. Commissioner Hawkins also reported that the Ann Arbor Inclusion recorded a sessions this month. 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 not meet last month but did hold a June meeting. The commission discussed the comprehensive plan and different construction projects around the City. Vice-Chair Keeler also expressed sidewalk and cross-walk concerns from the commission to the Transportation Commission. 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 in August. Commissioner Solomon shared that he was unable to attend the meeting this month. Meeting minutes from the council will be shared with the commission once available

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon was not present to provide an update to the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hawkins the meeting adjourned at 5:23 P.M.

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