



# City of Ann Arbor

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Wednesday, April 30, 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** 7 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Robert Packard, Lorraine Buis, and Annika Konrad

**Absent** 6 - Rachel Hawkins, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Rosanita Ratcliff, Elena Chambers, and Sam Ankenbauer

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

*None*

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**25-0656** Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - March 19, 2025

**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 05/05/2025. 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.*

**CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN**

*Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin was not present to provide an update to the commission.*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS****COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN PRESENTATION**

*Commissioners provided their feedback and thoughts on the cities Comprehensive Land Use plan. For more information about the Comprehensive Land Use plan, please contact Michelle Bennett.*

**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 April 9 and discussed concerns regarding the renewal of the green card transportation. The committee also discussed the portable bathroom pods around the city. The sub-committee will meet again in May. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair.*

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS**

*Commissioner Hawkins was not present to provide an update to 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 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 received updates on safe street construction projects. The commission has received several complaint regarding construction specifically with the sidewalks and bike lanes. Residents expressed their concerns at the commission meeting regarding the bike lanes and is seeking for the commission to take action. The commission is still working on making safer zones, and better drop off places when community members go to any of the schools to pick up or drop off children. More information and details. The commission also discussed improvements for snow removal and adding a new roundabout. Vice-Chair Keeler also shared upcoming construction projects around the city.*

**U OF M COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS MEETING UPDATE - MATTHEW SOLOMON**

*Commissioner Solomon reported that the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns meeting was well. The council had an open*

*discussion regarding the universities DEI and announced a search for volunteers to serve on the Neubacher Award Committee. Commissioners were encouraged to participate. Commissioners discussed wanting learning more about the universities Advisory Committee on Disability Affairs. Commissioner Solomon shared that council member Ghazi-Edwin is a member of the committee and could provide the commission with insight about the committees work. More information and details to come.*

**CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Chair Damon report that the Michigan Department of Civil Rights Disability summit will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at the Novi Suburban Collection Showplace. All are welcomed to attend. Chair Damon also shared that the upcoming Visions event will be held in June. Commissioners are encouraged to volunteers for the event table to handout giveaways and information about the commission. More information and details to come.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

*None*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

*None*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Mozak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Damon the meeting adjourned at 5:29 P.M.*

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