



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, June 26, 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 4:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Alex Gossage, Robert Packard, Elena Chambers, Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

Absent 2 - Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, and Rosanita Ratcliff

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

No public comment was brought before the commission.

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

[24-0977](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - May 15, 2024

A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Chambers, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City

Council and should be returned by 7/01/2024. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

WASHTENAW ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY ADVOCACY PRESENTATION

The Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy (ACA) was one of the first organizations in Michigan to advocate for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Their dynamic contributions to the field of disability rights advocacy built the strong foundation for the work ACA has done so far over 67 years. For more information please visit the Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy website at <https://washtenawaca.org/>

WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED - JACKIE BEST

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 the concerns related to Jefferson parking. The sub-committee also discussed concerns related to accessibility parking and bus stop route announcements. More information and details to come. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair Keeler for more information.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins reported that the Ann Arbor Inclusion current episode guest was Tracy Byrd. Ann Arbor Inclusion is currently in process of the July show which will feature the Kirk Gibson Foundation for Parkinson's. More information and details to come.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - LARRY KEELER

Vice-Chair Keeler reported that the commission currently has one vacancy to fill. The commission received three candidate applications. Recruitment for the Commission has been active recently.

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 meeting was canceled. No updates were provided to the commission at this time.

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

Commissioner Solomon was unable to attend the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns meeting to provide an update.

ORGANIZATIONAL EQUITY - TRACY BYRD

Tracy Byrd reported that there are no organizational equity updates at this time. Tracy Byrd asked commissioners that will be planning on attending the City Council meeting on July 15th to celebrate the disability, pride, proclamation, to email her their name and phonetically spelled out pronunciation of their name.

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 reported that the Ada celebration is July 26, 2024 at Disability Network at the Washington office. All are welcomed to attend. Chair Damon also shared that University of Michigan adaptive track and field meet is this Saturday. The event will take place at the Varsity track and field facility located at 2540 South State Street in Ann Arbor. The commission was invited to be a part of the James T. Newbacher Award Committee. Any member from the commission can join the Award Selection Committee.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin was not present to provide an update. Chair Damon shared Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin report to the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed possibly meeting in-person over the summer to do a commission introduction. The commission will continue to discuss meeting locations. More information and details to come.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mozak the meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

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