



# 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 18, 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 4:00 P.M.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Present** 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Lorraine Buis, and Annika Konrad

**Absent** 2 - Robert Packard, and Sam Ankenbauer

#### 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

[25-1071](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - May 21, 2025

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 07/07/2025. 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 reported that the City of Ann Arbor is working to create a searchable database of all rental properties in the City. The database will include accessibility, income, and family size features. More information to come. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin also shared that she reached out to the new city Public Service Director and asked if he would be willing to attend and present at future meeting. The presentation would include the goals of public works and commissioners can express their concerns around inaccessible infrastructure, and the lack of kind of adequate snow removal on sidewalks. More information and details to come.*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION****WE HEAR YOU PRESENTATION**

*For more information about We Hear You, please visit their website at <https://wehearyouopensdoors.com/>*

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PRESENTATION**

*For more information about the University of Michigan School of Social Work presentation, please contact Kate Schwab.*

**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 summer recess. There will be no meeting in July and August. The sub-committee will meet again in September. 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 Best Buddy's. 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.*

*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 meet this month. The commission discussed the comprehensive plan and additional summer construction projects. The Transportation Commission is meeting tonight at 7:00pm and the meeting will be live on*

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**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 this month. Commissioner Solomon shared that he was unable to attend the meeting. Meeting minutes from the council will be shared with the commission once available.*

**CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON**

*Chair Damon report that the commission was invited to the second Miller Family Open track and field event. The meet will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at the University Of Michigan track and field stadium. The University of Michigan Adaptive sports and fitness program is hosting the event and all are welcomed to attend. Chair Damon also encouraged commissioners to attend the Disability Network's upcoming ADA celebration.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

*None*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

**COMMUNICATIONS**

*None*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*(insert) moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by (insert) the meeting adjourned at (insert) P.M.*

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