



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 17, 2026

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Alex Gossage, Robert Packard, Lorraine Buis, and Annika Konrad

Absent 3 - Rachel Hawkins, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, and Sam Ankenbauer

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Packard, 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 Damon, seconded by Mozak, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 7/6/2026. 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. Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin shared that bicentennial park (formerly south east area park) is officially open. The park has the City's first universally designed splash pad accessible for people with disabilities. All are welcome to visit the park.

CITY ADA ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR REPORT - JENNA TRUONG

ADA Coordinator Jenna Truong provided the commission with a report on the Office of Organizational Equity various efforts to ensure ADA compliance. Jenna Truong reported on her first year as the ADA Coordinator and shared updates several projects and initiatives completed by the Office of Organizational Equity. Commissioners were also provided with the FY26Q3 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION**WASHTENAW LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED - BETH MANUEL**

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 - ROB PACKARD

Commissioner Packard reported that the sub-committee did not meet last week. The sub-committee will meet again in September. Commissioner Packard also reported that the commissions Facebook page has also been created. The link to the Facebook page will be shared with the entire commission. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Chair Keeler.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins was not present to provide a report to the commission. Commissioner Mozak did share that currently the Ann Arbor inclusive the show has no upcoming scheduled taping. If commissioners have any suggestions for guest on the Ann Arbor inclusive the show to contact CTN.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - KATHLEEN MOZAK

Commissioner Mozak shared that the commissions candidate did move forward in the process to become a commissioner. More details and information to come. The commission currently has 2 vacancies but will have only 1 vacancy left once the candidate is approved by City Council. More information and details to come.

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

Chair Keeler reported that the Transportation Commission did meet last month. Chair Keeler shared that the commission discussed current construction projects around the City that are almost completed and additional projects to come in the future. Chair Keeler also reported that the Transportation Commission talked about different parking issues around the City and the new bike lanes being added in Downtown Ann

Arbor. More information and details to come. 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 he did not attend the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns meeting this month but will plan to attend the upcoming July meeting.

CHAIR REPORT - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler informed the commission that the project to remove the stairs on 3rd street has been completed. Chair Keeler shared that he visited the location himself and can confirm that the stairs are removed.

Chair Keeler shared that the VISIONS 2026 tabling event went very well. Various commissioners volunteered to represent the commission at event. The event was held at the Downtown Ann Arbor District Library branch. and a lot of people attended the event.

Chair Keeler reported that the commission has been approached to create a potential partnership with the University of Michigan CURIS: Public Health Advocacy. Chair Keeler shared that he and Vice Chair Damon will meet with the organization over the summer to see if a partnership with the group would be beneficial. More information and details to come.

Chair Keeler reminded commissioners to review the current commission bylaws. This is specifically in situations where the commission has elections and no Commissioner nominates themselves for either the Chair or Vice Chair position. Commissioners provided their thoughts and feedback on current language. The commission will have an additional discussion on the bylaw changes after the summer recess.

26-1054 CODI Bylaws

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Packard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mozak that the meeting adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

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