



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, March 19, 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 11 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Rosanita Ratcliff, Robert Packard, Elena Chambers, and Annika Konrad

Absent 2 - Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ratcliff, seconded by Keeler, 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 Keeler, seconded by Gossage, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 04/07/2025. 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 she sent out the current ADA career management study from the Downtown Development Authority. Updates from the study to come soon.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION**STATE STREET PRESENTATION**

For more information about the State Street project, please contact Mark McCulloch and Chris Wall.

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 not meet last week and has no update to provide the commission. The sub-committee will meet again in April. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Packard, seconded by Keeler, that the Partners in Access meeting be moved to the second Wednesday of each month. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins reported that the Ann Arbor Inclusion recorded a sessions this month with Ann Arbor Academy. The organizations 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 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 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 is talking with Ann Arbor public schools, and they're working to change the drop off zones so that so that students and other people are safe. The commission is 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 Transportation Commission also received updates on safe street construction projects. 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 meeting was short and there was no report.

CHAIR REPORT - ZACH DAMON

Chair Damon report that the University of Michigan will be hosting their first special Olympics. The event will held Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 12:15pm-4:00pm at Michigan Stadium. The event is free and all are welcomed to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Packard the meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

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