



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, January 21, 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 9 - Larry Keeler, Zachary Damon, Matthew Solomon, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Robert Packard, Lorraine Buis, Sam Ankenbauer, and Annika Konrad

Absent 2 - Kathleen Mozak, and Rachel Hawkins

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

Members of the public addressed the commission.

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

26-0103 Commission on Disability Issues Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2025

A motion was made by Damon, seconded by Packard, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 2/2/2026. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried

CITY PERSONNEL REPORT - KENNEDI CUMMINGS

Kennedi Cummings reported that the Commissions contact sheet has been created and almost finalized. Kennedi Cummings asked commissioners to share their communication preference to be added to the sheet.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - AYESHA GHAZI EDWIN

Council Member Ayesha Ghazi-Edwin reported that the City is still in review of the final phase of the comprehensive land use plan. City council will be meeting with the City Planning Department and would like the commissions input regarding accessibility in the CLUP. More information and details to come.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION**COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN ACCESSIBILITY PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION - MICHELLE BENNETT & JENNA TRUONG**

The City is still in review of the final Draft 3 phase of the comprehensive land use plan. The Planning Department would like the commissions input regarding accessibility in the CLUP. Commissioners provided their feedback and thoughts on the cities Draft 3 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 last week and discussed updates on current topics brought to the commission. The committee also discussed updates regarding a commission social media page and new commission leadership. The sub-committee will meet

again in February. 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 2 vacancies. The commission has not received any new applications.

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 last month. The commission discussed snow removal concerns as well as bicycle lanes concerns. The commission also discussed different completed construction projects and current construction projects around the City. 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 did not meet and did not provide an update to the commission at this time.

CHAIR REPORT - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler reported that he is looking forward to being the Commission Chair and is excited to continue working with commissioners and helping the Ann Arbor community. Chair Keeler also reported that he has extended invites for upcoming meetings for presentations. More information and details to come.

OLD BUSINESS

New Recruiting & Partners in Access Subcommittee Chair Discussion - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler is currently seeking Commissioners who are interested in serving and chairing the Recruiting & Partners in Access Subcommittee. Commissioners interested in serving on one or more of these subcommittees should contact Chair Keeler and Vice Chair Damon directly. The commission will discuss appointing committee chairs at the upcoming February meeting. More information and details to come.

Social Media Committee Update - ZACH DAMON

Vice Chair Damon reported that he will be reaching out to Erica Collaney, the head of social media at the University of Michigan. Members on the committee will receive an email follow-up regarding setting up a meeting with Erica. More information and details to come.

Commission Bylaws Discussion

Chair Keeler is currently seeking Commissioners who are interested in serving and chairing the Commission Bylaws Subcommittee. Commissioners interested in serving on this subcommittee should contact Chair Keeler and Vice Chair Damon directly. The commission will discuss appointing a committee chair at the upcoming February meeting. More information and details to come.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Damon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ankenbauer that the meeting adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

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