



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission on Disability Issues

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, April 15, 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 4:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Larry Keeler, Matthew Solomon, Rachel Hawkins, Robert Packard, Lorraine Buis, and Sam Ankenbauer

Absent 5 - Zachary Damon, Kathleen Mozak, Alex Gossage, Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, and Annika Konrad

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Buis, seconded by Ankenbauer, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[26-0558](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - March 18, 2026

A motion was made by Packard, seconded by Buis, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council and should be returned by 4/20/2026. 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION**AAATA PRESENTATION - GRETCHEN JOHNSON**

The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, or AAATA, has a broad-reaching system that serves Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and beyond. AAATA provided the commission with an update on the Fourth Avenue project and accessible parking. For information about the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, please visit their website at <https://www.theride.org/>.

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 - ROB PACKARD

Commissioner Packard 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 recruitment activities. The sub-committee will meet again in May. Those who are interested in participating, or leading a committee can contact Chair Keeler.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - RACHEL HAWKINS

Commissioner Hawkins reported that the Ann Arbor inclusive the show that was scheduled to tape on April 20 will be rescheduled as the studios are packing for their move to their new site. The guest for this

month will be Robert Williams Mibility Manager from AAATA.

RECRUITING ACTIVITY - KATHLEEN MOZAK

Commissioner Mozak was not present to provide an updated to the commission. She reported to Chair Keeler that the Commission has 2 vacancies. Commissioner Mozak, Chair Keeler, and Vice Chair Damon are currently reviewing 3 previously submitted 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 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 also shared that the commission discussed different parking issues around the city and adding additional bike lanes. The commission also discussed current construction projects around the City and projects that are completed. 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 the University of Michigan Council for Disability Concerns did not meet this month but will plan to meet next month.

CHAIR REPORT - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler reported that he and Vice Chair Damon met with City staff to this week to discuss the concerns commissioners brought up at the last meeting. Chair Keeler shared that he and Chair Damon expressed to City staff that the commission desires monthly updates and communication on recent accessibility projects. Chair Keeler said he will receive a follow up from City staff soon. More information and details to come.

Chair Keeler shared that he and Commissioner Packard attended the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission (ICPOC) March meeting. This meeting featured a Community Conversation on Police–Community Interactions with special guest Dr. Nickolas Camp, a professor and researcher from the University of Michigan whose work examines disparities in police-citizen encounters and their impact on community trust. Chair Keeler reported that he shared his experience with police interaction and how police officers should have disability resources available on their patrol.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission Bylaws Discussion - LARRY KEELER

Chair Keeler asked commissioners last month 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 commission. The commission will discuss the language of the bylaws and whether or not the language needed to be changed. The commission will have an additional discussion on the bylaw changes at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ankenbauer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Packard that the meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

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