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Meeting Minutes - Draft DISABILITY RIGHTS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, April 23, 2026

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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Interpretation and Accessibility

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:04pm, Chair Madole presiding.

Present: 10 - Joann Pritchett; Brett Maki; Melissa A. Madole; Joseph A. Frost; Rebecca Y. Back; Nicki Vander Meulen; Kristen E. Luppino Witzling; Casey Edmonds-Estes; Miso Kwak and Lynn A. Olson

Absent: 1 - Wendi Dwyer

Excused: 2 - Larry D. Love and Kathleen M. Callen

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Luppino-Witzling, to Approve the Minutes from March 26, 2026. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. Public Comment (April 2026)

There was no public comment.

Disclosures and Recusals

There were no disclosures and recusals.

New Business

2. Welcome Miso Kwak

A motion was made by Commissioner Luppino Witzling, seconded by Commissioner Vander Meulen to table until Commissioner Kwak entered the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Commissioner Madole reintroduced this item with Miso in the meeting. Commissioners and newly appointed Commissioner Kwak introduced themselves.

3. Elections

A motion was made by Commissioner Luppino Witzling to nominate Commissioner Madole for the chair position. Commissioner Madole received the majority vote and was elected as the chair. The motion passed by other.

A motion was made by Commissioner Madole to nominate Commissioner Olson for the vice chair position. Commissioner Olson received the majority vote and was elected as the vice chair. The motion passed by other.

4. Parks Accessibility Project

Morgan Jensema gave presentation and took questions.

5. TE Recommendations

Commissioner Olson walked through draft ideas/recommendations with members input and amendments. A motion was made by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Vander Meulen, to adopt the recommendations with amendments. The motion passed by voice vote.

6. DRC Retreat

Chair Madole entertained a motion to vote on selecting the DRC retreat date. A motion was made by Commissioner Maki, seconded by Commissioner Vander Meulen, to have the retreat at 1pm on May 23rd. The motion passed by voice vote.

Reports

7. Report from the Common Council
Alder Pritchard gave an update.,
8. Transportation Commission Liaison
Commissioner Olson gave an update.
9. Housing Committee Liaison
Commissioner Edmonds-Estes gave an update.
10. Beyond Compliance Subcommittee Liaison
Chair Madole and staff gave an update.
11. Emergency Planning
No update.
12. Report from the Department of Civil Rights
Hoyt gave an update.
13. Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission
Commissioner Maki gave an update.

Other

14. Future Topics City of Madison
Commissioner Olson asked to add a discussion on bike/pedestrian path use and a discussion on mobility devices and electric vehicles on paths.
With commissioners' input Hoyt will plan to add a discussion with parks on bike/pedestrian paths, a presentation from the language access team, a public health presentation on substance use support, MMSD student services accessible private/public parking, a discussion on stigma, safety, and abuse, and an update about the new BRT lines and BRT accessibility.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Luppino Witzling, seconded by Commissioner Maki, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice/other. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.