



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, July 24, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

The City of Madison is holding the Disability Rights Commission meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. Written Comments: You can send comments on agenda items to DisabilityRights@cityofmadison.com

2. Register for Public Comment:

- Register to speak at the meeting.
- Register to answer questions.
- Register in support or opposition of an agenda item (without speaking).

If you want to speak at this meeting you must register. You can register at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration>. When you register to speak, you will be sent an email with the information you will need to join the virtual meeting.

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Meeting ID: 834 4576 7334

Passcode: Request by email at DisabilityRights@cityofmadison.com

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Joann Pritchett; Brett Maki; Larry D. Love; Melissa A. Madole; Rebecca Y. Back; Kristen E. Luppino Witzling; Casey Edmonds-Estes; Kathleen M. Callen; Nakia S. Wiley; Wendi Dwyer and Lynn A. Olson

Excused: 2 - Joseph A. Frost and Nicki Vander Meulen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Callen, seconded by Commissioner Dwyer, to Approve the Minutes from June 26, 2025. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [89238](#) Public Comment (July 2025)

There were no public comments.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures and recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [87483](#) Adopting the Updated Elected and Appointed Official Code of Ethical Conduct

Sponsors: Bill Tishler

Attachments: [PROPOSED: Updated Elected and Appointed Official Code of Ethical Conduct](#)
[IN EFFECT: Elected and Appointed Official Code of Ethical Conduct Update](#)
[BPW Presentation Elected and Appointed Official Code of Ethical Conduct.pptx](#)
[Updated Presentation Elected and Appointed Official Code of Ethical Conduct](#)
[Updated 7-17-25 Elected and Appointed Official Code of Ethical Conduct.pdf](#)

Kapusta-Pofahl from Common Council gave a presentation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Witzling, seconded by Commissioner Edmonds-Estes, to table this conversation, provide feedback in the meantime, and take action at the August meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [89240](#) Sub-minimum Wage Employment

Attachments: [Sub-minimum Wages for People with Disabilities in Wisconsin](#)

Launstein gave a presentation.

4. [89239](#) Transportation Equity Update

Attachments: [Metro Transit Equity Update](#)

Rusch and Dentice gave an update.

5. [89241](#) Disability Rights and Services Intern Presentation

Attachments: [Disability Rights and Services Internship](#)

Sobhani gave a presentation.

REPORTS

6. [62729](#) Report from the Common Council

 There was no update.
7. [88395](#) Transportation Commission Liaison

 Commissioner Olson gave an update.
8. [89242](#) Housing Committee Liaison

 Commissioner Edmonds-Estes gave an update.
9. [88396](#) Beyond Compliance Subcommittee Liaison Report

 There was no update.
10. [88397](#) Madison Lakeway Liaison Report

 Commissioner Madole gave an update.
11. [88398](#) Week Without Driving Liaison Report

 Hoyt gave an update.
12. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

 Hoyt gave an update.
13. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

 There was no update.

OTHER

14. [80509](#) Future Topics City of Madison

 Commissioner Olson - incentivizing landlords to adapt units and keep them available for people with disabilities.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Madole, seconded by Commissioner Callen, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice/other. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.