



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, March 27, 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
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Meeting ID: 848 8805 2802
Passcode: 621987

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Present: 10 - Jael Currie; Melissa A. Madole; Joseph A. Frost; Nicki Vander Meulen; Kristen E. Luppino Witzling; Casey Edmonds-Estes; Kathleen M. Callen; Nakia S. Wiley; Wendi Dwyer and Lynn A. Olson

Excused: 1 - Larry D. Love

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Callen, seconded by Commissioner Madole, to Approve the Minutes from February 27, 2025. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [87664](#) Public Comment (March 2025)

Public comment from Adam Brabender (member of the public), regarding emotional and mental health consideration in Madison's paratransit system.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures and recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [87665](#) Welcome New Commissioner - Wendy Dwyer

Commission welcomed new commissioner, Wendy Dwyer.
3. [87666](#) Week Without Driving Challenge and Planning Group
-<https://weekwithoutdriving.org/>

Haas from Greater Madison MOP gave a verbal overview of the group.

Commissioners Callen and Dwyer will be joining the group.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. [87667](#) ADA Transition Plan - Public Right of Way Overview

Hoyt gave a presentation.
5. [85766](#) Digital Inclusion

Hill from IT gave an update.
6. [67538](#) Accessible Madison Updates
 - a. Beyond Compliance Subcommittee Report
 - b. Transportation Commission Liaison Report
 - c. Madison Lakeway Liaison Report
 - d. Week Without Driving Liaison Report
Commissioners Madole and Olson gave an update.
7. [87668](#) Disability Rights Commission Elections April 24th

Hoyt gave an update.

8. [80509](#) Future Topics City of Madison
- Hoyt gave an update.
- Consideration - Mental health in paratransit (per the public comment).

REPORTS

9. [62729](#) Report from the Common Council
- Alder Currie gave an update.
10. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights
- Hoyt gave an update.
11. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission
- Commissioner Wiley gave an update.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Madole, seconded by Commissioner Meulen, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice/other. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.