



City of Madison

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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, May 29, 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.
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- Register in support or opposition of an agenda item (without speaking).

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Meeting ID: 862 1934 5828

Passcode: Send an email to DisabilityRights@cityofmadison.com

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm, Chair Wiley presiding.

Present: 7 - Joann Pritchett; Brett Maki; Rebecca Y. Back; Nicki Vander Meulen; Casey Edmonds-Estes; Kathleen M. Callen and Lynn A. Olson

Excused: 5 - Larry D. Love; Melissa A. Madole; Joseph A. Frost; Kristen E. Luppino Witzling and Wendi Dwyer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson, seconded by Commissioner Callen, to Approve the Minutes from April 24, 2025. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Commissioner Callen, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Approve the Minutes from May 17, 2025. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [88384](#) Public Comment (May 2025)

There were no public comments.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures and recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [88385](#) Housing Policy Committee Liaison

Hoyt gave an update.

Commissioner Edmonds-Estes volunteered to be the liaison.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [87667](#) ADA Transition Plan - Public Right of Way Overview

Attachments: [ADA Transition Plan Public Right of Way Overview](#)

Hoyt gave a presentation.

4. [88386](#) Retreat De-Brief

Hoyt and Chair Wiley gave an update.

Notes from the retreat:

- Use a neurodivergent-friendly project planning/management tool
- Explore long-term care pilot project in Madison
- Work to ensure DRC is being utilized as a resource for the City when there is a new project or initiative
- Consider developing a best practices guide for new projects or initiatives, for example, universal design
- Explore ways to address mental health stigma and the intersections between disability and law enforcement
- Putting together a history of the DRC

5. [80509](#) Future Topics City of Madison
- Hoyt/Commissioner Pritchett - Accessible evacuation in response to emergencies for all establishments
- Commissioner Maki/Commissioner Callen - Streets snow removals
- Commissioner Meulen - Invite CapTimes author of ban on sub-minimum wages for people with disabilities article
- Commissioner Olson - Utilize a project management tool to help keep track of different projects the commission is working
- Commissioner Callen - Create meeting guidelines and expectations for new commissioners that join DRC

REPORTS

6. [62729](#) Report from the Common Council
- Alder Pritchett gave an update.
7. [88395](#) Transportation Commission Liaison
- Olson gave an update.
8. [88396](#) Beyond Compliance Subcommittee Liaison Report
- A motion was made by Commissioner Callen, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to accept the written reports from Commissioner Madole for agenda items 88396 and 88397. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- Written report was sent via email by Commissioner Madole: "1a) Renewing efforts with the Streatery social media videos, that were created last year, was discussed.
- 1b) Jason Beloungy (Ex. Director at Access to Independence) has historically attended our meetings to give updates on this Subcommittee. A perspective was expressed that the Subcommittee hasn't had a DRC representative to give updates on behalf of our Commission. I volunteered to be that representative to the Subcommittee.
- 1c) An ideas list was created back in April for future projects to put attention on. The group will finish reviewing the long, inspired list at next month's meeting.
- 1d) Many thanks to Jason Beloungy for taking such fantastic notes and sharing them with the Subcommittee so I can accurately share the activities with the Disability Rights Commission."

9. [88397](#) Madison Lakeway Liaison Report

Written report was sent via email by Commissioner Madole: "2a) They did a public information session back in January. I hope everyone was able to watch that presentation. Please give me any feedback you think needs to be expressed concerning their design and people with disabilities. I will gladly pass it along.

If anyone is interested -

Here is the January 23, 2025 recording:

<https://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Play/3174d37130b340629e608f0953aaadb41d>

The project's City website:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/projects/madison-lakeway-lake-monona-waterfront>

This is the first phase of the project:

<https://www.madisonlakeway.org/community-causeway>

2b) I missed the meeting that was scheduled last month. However, I sent an email out to the right person to schedule an update and I plan on attending future dates for the Lakeway Team."

10. [88398](#) Week Without Driving Liaison Report

Hoyt gave an update.

11. [15340](#) Report from the Department of Civil Rights

Hoyt gave an update.

12. [24056](#) Report from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Commission

There was no update.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Callen, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice/other. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.