

Office of Equity & Civil Rights
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Dept.
2. Aloma Bouma – National Federation of the Blind
3. Amy Butwin – Department of Human Resources
4. Crystal Bright – Emergency Preparedness
5. David Greenberg – League for People with Disabilities
6. Janice Jackson – W.E.A.N.
7. Keina Overton – BCDOT
8. Kimberley Grade – Employment Committee
9. Laetitia Griffin – BCDOT
10. Martin French – BC Planning Dept.
11. Mike King – Family League of Baltimore
12. Rochelle Purnell – BCHD
13. Sharon E. Moore
14. Terry Lindsay – S.T.A.R.
15. Velma Boykins- Early – Access Committee
16. Willie Fields
17. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS

Guests

18. Andria – ASL Interpreter
19. Luz – ASL Interpreter
20. Alex Lima – Link
21. Valerie LaCour
22. Victor Ojo

Office of Equity and Civil Rights staff:

- a. Dana P. Moore – Chief Equity Officer and Director
- b. Caylin Young – Deputy Director
- c. Sharonda Huffman – Access & Compliance Coordinator
- d. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
- e. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant
- f. John Wesley – PIO

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sharonda Huffman at 1:05 pm.

II. Guest Speakers

Victor Ojo – Link Adaptive Vehicles

- Presentation on types of adaptive vehicles
- Would like to develop partnerships the Baltimore City Agencies represented on the Disabilities Commission

Valorie LaCour - Baltimore City Department of Transportation

- ADA Coordinator meetings
- Would like to continue future discussions on all aspects of accessibility and the BCDOT Agency's ADA transition plan.

III. Director's Report

a. Director Moore gave the Director's report.

- i. Caylin Young – new Deputy Director
- ii. J B Begue – new Commissioner – Mayor's Commission on Disabilities

b. Staff activities

- i. Joint ADA and Equity Coordinator Meeting took place in January. The meeting took place with the Equity Chief for Baltimore City Schools.
- ii. There will be monthly trainings with ADA Coordinators. Goal – ADA Coordinator in each City Agency
- iii. There has been an increase in Equity Coordinators from 29 to 56.
- iv. Director Moore and Ms. Huffman are working on an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) proposal. City Agencies may submit proposals until March 31, 2022.
- v. Staff attended Complete Streets Committee meetings and Site Plan Review Team meetings. If any questions, please reach out to Ms. Huffman and Mr. Scoggins.
- vi. Future meetings of the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities are scheduled for February 23, 2022 and March 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
- vii. OECR will be holding virtual community conversations on racial equity in April, June, September, and December of 2022.

IV. Approval of the minutes

- a. The September 29, 2021 minutes were approved and accepted.
- b. No meeting in November 2021.
- c. Informational meeting in December 2021.

V. Commissioner's Report

a. Legislative Committee

- i. Adam Levine gave highlights on the following Bills.

- i. HB0002¹ and SB0598² - Income Tax – Work Opportunity Tax Credit
 - ii. HB0466³ and HB0511⁴ - Income Tax - Personal Exemption - Disabled Individuals
 - iii. SENATE BILL 23⁵ - Equity in Transportation Sector – Guidelines and Analyses
 - b. Transportation Committee
 - i. Mr. David Greenberg requested more Committee members along with Ms. Janice Jackson. Ms. Aloma Bouma and Mr. Mike King would like to participate in the Transportation Committee.
 - ii. Mr. William Fields had MTA mobility transportation issues. Ms. Huffman will follow-up.

V. Open Forum

- a. Ms. Huffman will forward Ms. LaCour’s contact and transportation information.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Sharonda Huffman adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond
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Office of Equity and Civil Rights

¹ [Legislation - HB0002 \(maryland.gov\)](#)

² [Legislation - SB0598 \(maryland.gov\)](#)

³ [Legislation - HB0466 \(maryland.gov\)](#)

⁴ [Legislation - HB0511 \(maryland.gov\)](#)

⁵ [2022 Regular Session - Senate Bill 23 \(maryland.gov\)](#)