

Office of Equity & Civil Rights
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Notes
February 23, 2022

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Dept.
2. Aloma Bouma – National Federation of the Blind
3. Crystal Bright – Emergency Preparedness
4. Curtis Black
5. Jack Elam – Housing Authority of Baltimore City
6. Keina Overton – BCDOT
7. Khalilah Yancey- Emergency Preparedness
8. Laetitia Griffin – BCDOT
9. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS

Guests

10. Kathleen – ASL Interpreter

Office of Equity and Civil Rights staff:

- a. Dana P. Moore – Chief Equity Officer and Director
- b. Caylin Young – Deputy Director
- c. Kantria Branch - Supervisor
- d. Lisa Kelly – Chief of Investigations
- e. Sharonda Huffman – Access & Compliance Coordinator
- f. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
- g. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant

I. Welcome/Call to Order

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

II. Guest Speakers

Caylin Young – Office of Equity and Civil Rights

- Deputy Director
- Amending the Statute
 - Number of positions
 - Initiate a conversation
 - Mission and Purpose
 - Work of the Commission
 - Selection of the Chair
 - The Mayor appoints the Chair.
 - Director Moore asked for a recommendation.

- By-laws
- New Commissioners and Candidates for the Board
 - Jason B Begue – new Commissioner – Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities
 - Two individuals to be sworn-in

III. Director's Report

- a. Director Moore gave the Director’s report.
 - i. Reappointment process
 - ii. New Supervisor for the Community Relations Commission – Kantria Branch
- b. Staff activities
 - i. Black Health Equity townhall conversation - February 23, 2022, 6-7 pm, Office of Equity and Civil Rights and Office of the Chief Equity Officer. Ms. Huffman will send link for registration.
 - ii. Baltimore City Office of Information Technology and OECR Staff are working on FAQ’s to add to the Website.
 - iii. Mr. Hugh Scoggins and Ms. Sharonda Huffman are receiving training by the ADA training leadership network.
 - iv. ADA Coordinators have been meeting once a month and recently received training on public accommodations.
 - v. Future meetings of the Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities are scheduled for March 23, 2022 and April 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
 - vi. Director Moore asked members of the Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities members to send any questions or concerns to add to the agenda.

IV. Approval of the minutes

- a. The January 26, 2021 minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

V. Commissioner’s Report

- a. Aloma Bouma asked about transit issues and if it should be related to the Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities. Ms. Huffman will follow-up.
- b. Director Moore spoke about transit for Baltimore City’s school children. Ms. Bouma would like to follow-up with regard to children with disabilities.

V. Open Forum

- a. Ms. Huffman spoke about the Site Plan Review Committee meetings that she and Mr. Scoggins have been attending. The purpose of those meetings is to discuss upcoming site improvements to City properties and ensuring that they are accessible.
- b. Ms. Kantria Branch introduced herself.

- c. Ms. Huffman stated that this was an informal meeting.
- d. Meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Sharonda Huffman adjourned the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond
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Office of Equity and Civil Rights