

**Office of Equity & Civil Rights**  
**Mayor's Commission on Disabilities**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**April 27, 2022**

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Dept.
2. Aloma Bouma – National Federation of the Blind
3. Brenda P. Haynes – Access Committee
4. David Greenberg – League for People with Disabilities
5. Jack Elam – Housing Authority of Baltimore City
6. Janice Jackson – Consumer Advocate
7. Kimberley Grade – Employment Committee
8. Martin French – BC Planning Dept
9. Michael Trentadue – Accessible Tech Pro
10. Rochelle Purnell - BCHD
11. Sharon E. Moore – Citizen
12. Willie Fields - Consumer
13. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS

Guests

14. Kathleen – ASL Interpreter
15. Denise Esterley – ASL Interpreter
16. Chris Danielsen, President – Dir. of Public Relations, NFB-Greater Baltimore Chapter
17. Joshua Wolf, Acting Director, MTA – Mobility
18. Meg Young (she/her), New Mobility Manager, BCDOT
19. T. Swilling

Office of Equity and Civil Rights staff:

- a. Caylin Young – Deputy Director
- b. Lisa Kelly – Chief of Investigations
- c. Sharonda Huffman – Access & Compliance Coordinator
- d. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
- e. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sharonda Huffman at 1:06 pm.

II. Guest speakers

- a. Chris Danielsen, President – Director of Public Relations  
National Federation of the Blind of Maryland - Greater Baltimore Chapter
- b. Joshua Wolf, Acting Director

- Maryland Transit Administration – Mobility
- c. Meg Young (she/her), New Mobility Manager  
Baltimore City Department of Transportation

III. Director's Report

Deputy Director Caylin Young

a. Updates

- i. Deputy Director Young had reminded all Commissioners who have been approved by City Council to complete their Financial Disclosures by May 2, 2022. If any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Maura Ford of the Ethics Board.
  - ii. He also reminded everyone to complete the Ethics Training for Baltimore City.
  - iii. Ms. Huffman listed the Commissioners
    - Michael Trentadue
    - Michael King
    - Dianne Blevins
    - Kimberley Michelle Grade
    - Janice Jackson
    - David Greenberg
    - Jessica Salmon
    - Victor Smith
    - Daniel Ewald
    - William Fields
    - Yojinde Paxton
    - Adam Levine
    - Khary Davis
    - Alouma Bouma
    - Jason Begue
- b. Staff activities
- i. Maryland Inclusive Housing Committee on April 11, 2022
  - ii. Site Plan Review Committee Meetings
  - iii. MTA Mobility Meeting
- c. The future dates of the MCD meetings through the remainder of the fiscal year are:
- i. May 25, 2022 1:00 PM
  - ii. June 22, 2022 1:00 PM
- d. Sharonda Huffman will be transitioning to a new role outside of City Government and today is her last day.

IV. Approval of the minutes

- a. The March 23, 2022 minutes were approved.

V. Commissioner's Report

a. Legislative Committee

i. Legislative Bills

- 1) SB93 – Tax Credits - Employment of Individuals with Disabilities<sup>1</sup> - passed
- 2) SB235 – Income Tax - Personal Exemption - Disabled Individuals<sup>2</sup> - failed
- 3) SB23-HB141–Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses<sup>3</sup> - passed
- 4) HB1020-SB868 - Developmental Disabilities Administration - Self-Directed Services (Self-Direction Act of 2022)<sup>4</sup> - passed
- 5) HB78 – Discrimination in Employment - Reasonable Accommodations for Applicants with Disabilities<sup>5</sup> - passed
- 6) SB625-HB1026 – Transportation of Persons with Disabilities - Transportation Network Companies - Employee Requirements and Study<sup>6</sup> - failed
- 7) SB617-HB547 – Local School Systems - Equivalent Access Standards - Digital Tools (Equivalent and Nonvisual Access Accountability Act for K-12 Education)<sup>7</sup> – passed and signed by Governor
- 8) SB0867 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Employed Individuals With Disabilities Program - Requirements (Equal Love for Employees With Disabilities Act)<sup>8</sup> - failed

ii. City Taxpayer Night is scheduled from 6-8 pm tonight at City Hall. There is an option to join online or watch through Charm TV.

V. Open Forum

- a. Ms. Janice Jackson would like to invite Carol Beatty, Maryland Secretary of Disabilities, to give an update.
- b. Next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2022 via Zoom.

There was no further business to discuss.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0093>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0235>

<sup>3</sup> <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0023>

<sup>4</sup> <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB1020>

<sup>5</sup> <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0078>

<sup>6</sup> <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0625>

<sup>7</sup> <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0617>

<sup>8</sup> <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0867?ys=2022RS>

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There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Sharonda Huffman adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond  
Special Assistant  
Office of Equity and Civil Rights