

Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2021

Participants:

1. Anil Lewis – National Federation of the Blind
2. Carol Young (Acting Chair) – DGS
3. Curtis Black
4. David Greenberg – League for People with Disabilities
5. Diane Blevins
6. Jack Elam – Acting Co-Chair
7. Janice Jackson
8. Kendrick McLeod – Law Dept
9. Khalilah Yancey – Emergency Preparedness
10. Kimberley Grade – Employment Committee
11. Laetitia Griffin – BCDOT
12. Marlene Hendler
13. Martin French – BC Planning Dept
14. Matthew Reeds
15. Mike King – Family League of Baltimore
16. Raymond Nyakoe – Access Committee
17. Rochelle Purnell – BHCD
18. Sharon E. Moore
19. Tiffany Williams
20. William Brewer – BCFD

Guests

21. JB Begue – Baltimore City Association of the Deaf (Guest)

Office of Civil Rights staff:

- a. Dana Moore – Chief Equity Officer and Director
- b. Cedric McCray – Deputy Director
- c. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
- d. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant
- e. Lisa Kelly – Supervisor
- f. John Wesley – PIO

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Carole Young at approximately 1:05 pm.

II. Director's Report

- a. Deputy Director McCray gave the Director's report. Commissioners voted to accept the Director's Report.
- b. Director Moore gave an introduction and overview of the events and work of the office.

III. Approval of the minutes

- i. The March 24, 2021 minutes were approved and accepted.

IV. Commissioner's Report

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Commission Recommendation</u>	<u>Legislative Outcome Update</u>
SB 300\HB714 SB 371	Individualized Education Program – Learning Continuity – Requirement – IEP's for students with disabilities	Monitor	Passed both Senate and House and referred to Committees on both sides
SB 313 \ HB 119	MD Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment – would require Health Dept and Dept of Aging to educate Health Care Providers (Alzheimer's)	Monitor	Senate Passed 47-0 House Passed 2/11/21 130-6 -Mayor's Office Favorable report Senate side
SB052 \ HB 078	Maryland Commission of Health Equity and the Maryland Department of Disabilities will be a member of MCHE and will employ health equity framework and reduce health inequities in the State.	Monitor	
SB 061 \ HB321	Public buildings and changing facilities - requirements	Monitor	In the Senate passed
HB1048	Election Law - Voting - Permanent Absentee Ballot List, Ballot Drop Boxes, and Reports	Monitor	In the House - Passed

i. Open Forum

- i. Next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2021.
- ii. Ms. Marlene Hendler announced her membership into the Multimodal Transportation Board for Howard County.
- iii. Ms. Janice Jackson spoke about a notice regarding healthcare and hospital facilities denying caregivers who are accompanying persons with disabilities. She stated that a copy of the notice was given to Ms. Huffman.
- iv. Ms. Rochelle Purnell gave an update on the vaccination process. She spoke about meeting with a Covax team regarding distribution of vaccines to homebound people. She will note any needs of the Commission and relay them to her team.

- v. Director Moore relayed a message from Dr. Dzirasa that homebound individuals may register for the vaccine at covax.baltimorecity.gov.
- vi. Acting Chair Young asked for information or resources to help educate police, fire, and other agencies on how to best serve individuals with disabilities.
- vii. Acting Chair Young asked if there are any Committee reports or ideas for the next meeting, please be prepared to share them.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Acting Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 1:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond
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Office of Equity and Civil Rights