

Office of Equity & Civil Rights
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Notes
May 25, 2022

Participants:

1. Aloma Bouma – National Federation of the Blind
2. David Greenberg – League for People with Disabilities
3. Janice Jackson – Consumer Advocate
4. Laetitia Griffin
5. Rochelle Purnell - BCHD
6. Sharon E. Moore – Citizen
7. Sharonda Huffman – MD Inclusive Housing
8. Willie Fields - Consumer
9. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS

Guests

10. Carol Beatty - Maryland Secretary of Disabilities
11. Yeshevak Kelly – Executive Assist, MDOD

Office of Equity and Civil Rights staff:

12. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
13. Nathaniel Cohen – Program Compliance Officer
14. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Mr. Hugh Scoggins at 1:02 pm.
- b. Mr. Scoggins asked for a moment of silent for Uvalde, Texas.

II. Guest speaker

- a. Carol Beatty - Maryland Secretary of Disabilities

III. Director's Report

Hugh Scoggins

- a. Updates
 - i. All commissioners should have completed their respective financial disclosure statements. The deadline for submission was May 2, 2022. Late filing penalties begin on May 3, 2022. If any questions, please contact Maura Ford in the Ethics Board at 410-396-7986 or send an email to maura.ford@baltimorecity.gov.
 - ii. Aloma Bouma was confirmed by the City Council on May 16, 2022.
- b. Staff activities

- i. Brooklyn Homes Community Center outreach event on April 28, 2022
 - ii. Site Plan Review Committee Meetings
 - iii. MCD staff member Hugh Scoggins along with colleague John Wesley and former colleague, Sharonda Huffman attended Bike-to-Work week at Lake Montebello on May 19th/21st.
 - iv. Sharonda Huffman has transitioned to her new role outside of City Government. We wish her well, and she plans to participate in MCD Meetings.
- c. The future dates of the MCD meetings for the next fiscal year are:
- i. June 22, 2022, 1:00 PM
 - ii. September 28, 2022, 1:00 PM
 - iii. October 26, 2022, 1:00 PM
 - iv. November 23, 2022, 1:00 PM
 - v. January 25, 2023, 1:00 PM
 - vi. February 22, 2023, 1:00 PM
 - vii. March 22, 2023, 1:00 PM
 - viii. April 26, 2023, 1:00 PM
 - ix. May 24, 2023, 1:00 PM

IV. Approval of the minutes

- a. The April 27, 2022 minutes were approved.

V. Commissioner's Report

- a. Mr. Scoggins read the Legislative Committee report
 - i. Legislative Bills
 - 1) SB93 – Tax Credits - Employment of Individuals with Disabilities¹ - passed
 - 2) SB235 – Income Tax - Personal Exemption - Disabled Individuals² - failed
 - 3) SB23-HB141–Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses³ - passed
 - 4) HB1020-SB868 - Developmental Disabilities Administration - Self-Directed Services (Self-Direction Act of 2022)⁴ - passed
 - 5) HB78 – Discrimination in Employment - Reasonable Accommodations for Applicants with Disabilities⁵ - passed

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

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

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

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

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

- 6) SB625-HB1026 – Transportation of Persons with Disabilities - Transportation Network Companies - Employee Requirements and Study⁶ - failed
- 7) SB617-HB547 – Local School Systems - Equivalent Access Standards - Digital Tools (Equivalent and Nonvisual Access Accountability Act for K-12 Education)⁷ – passed and signed by Governor
- 8) SB0867 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Employed Individuals With Disabilities Program - Requirements (Equal Love for Employees With Disabilities Act)⁸ - failed

V. Open Forum

- a. Ms. Rochelle Purnell would like a list of the ADA coordinators and what department they cover. Action: Mr. Scoggins and Ms. Purnell will discuss at a later time.
- b. Ms. Huffman announced that the MD Inclusive Housing will have a committee meeting on June 13, 2022 at 3 PM. She will send an invitation.
- c. Next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2022 via Zoom.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hugh Scoggins adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond
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Office of Equity and Civil Rights

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

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

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