

**Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement**  
**Mayor's Commission on Disabilities**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 26, 2021**

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Dept
2. Aloma Bouma - National Federation of the Blind
3. Amy Butwin – Human Resources
4. Brenda P. Haynes – Access Committee
5. Carol Young (Acting Chair) – DGS
6. Curtis Black
7. David Greenberg – League for People with Disabilities
8. Janice Jackson
9. Jessica Salmond
10. Khalilah Yancey – Emergency Preparedness
11. Khary Davis
12. Kimberley Grade – Employment Committee
13. Keina Overton - BCDOT
14. Marlene Hendler
15. Martin French – BC Planning Dept
16. Matthew Reeds
17. Michael Trentadue
18. Mike King – Family League of Baltimore
19. Raymond Nyakoe – Access Committee
20. Rochelle Purnell – BHCD
21. Velma Early – Access Committee
22. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS
23. Tiffany Williams

Guests

24. JB Begue – Baltimore City Association of the Deaf (Guest)
25. Deanna Fischer – Soronson – Interpreter
26. Diamynn Hill

Office of Civil Rights staff:

- a. Cedric McCray – Deputy Director
- b. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
- c. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant
- d. Lisa Kelly – CRC Supervisor
- e. John Wesley – PIO

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Carole Young at approximately 1:06 pm.

II. Guest Speaker

a. Diamynn Hill, Hearing Health Navigator, gave a presentation on Hearing and Speech-Language Services<sup>1</sup>

b. Mr. Mike Trentadue spoke about the National Vaccine Organization by MICA and Morgan. He gave an overview of their Value Program.

III. Director's Report

a. Deputy Director McCray gave the Director's report. Commissioners voted to accept the Director's Report.

IV. Approval of the minutes

a. The April 28, 2021 minutes were approved and accepted.

V. Commissioner's Report

a. Legislative Committee

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Commission Recommendation</u>	<u>Legislative Outcome Update</u>
SB 199\HB114 SB0424	Transportation - Maryland Transit Administration Funding and MARC Rail, Extension Study (Transit Safety and Investment Act) <sup>2</sup>	Monitor	

b. Access Committee

i. Acting Chair Young spoke about safety and customer service issues with MTA and transportation services.

ii. Ms. Salmond spoke about MTA mask requirements and social distancing.

iii. Mr. Greenberg talked about giving more detailed information to help MTA mobility investigate complaints.

iv. Mr. Scoggins had reached out to the ADA MTA coordinator and will follow-up on complaints and possibly invite him to an MCD meeting.

v. Ms. Jackson and Ms. Hendler commented on the systemic problems as well as the need for more MTA mobility drivers and vehicles.

V. Open Forum

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on HASA – [dhill@hasa.org](mailto:dhill@hasa.org) or 443-863-9931

<sup>2</sup> MTA funding - [https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2021RS/fnotes/bil\\_0004/hb0114.pdf](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2021RS/fnotes/bil_0004/hb0114.pdf)

- i. Next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2021.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Acting Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of Equity and Civil Rights