

Office of Equity & Civil Rights
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2021

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Dept.
2. Amy Butwin – Human Resources
3. Brenda P. Haynes – Access Committee
4. Carol Young (Acting Chair) – DGS
5. Curtis Black
6. Dianne M. Blevins
7. Jack Elam
8. Janice Jackson
9. JB Begue – Baltimore City Association of the Deaf (Guest)
10. Khalilah Yancey – Emergency Preparedness
11. Kimberley Grade – Employment Committee
12. Laetitia Griffin – BCDOT
13. Martin French – BC Planning Dept.
14. Matthew Reeds
15. Michael Trentadue
16. Michelle Smith
17. Rico Dancy
18. Rochelle Purnell – BHCD
19. Sharon E. Moore
20. Tiffany Williams
21. Velma Early – Access Committee
22. Willie Fields
23. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS

Guests

24. Jorge Santiago-Oneill – Interpreter
25. Monica Sower – Interpreter
26. Pam Wilson - Interpreter
27. Joseph Calhoun - MTA
28. James Lewis – Citizens Advisor for Accessible Transportation
29. Joshua Wolf – Deputy Director, MTA Paratransit Service

Office of Equity and Civil Rights staff:

- a. Sharonda Huffman – Access & Compliance Coordinator
- b. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
- c. Lauren Jackson – Program Compliance Officer

- d. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant
- e. Lisa Kelly – CRC Supervisor
- f. John Wesley – PIO
- g. Samuela Ansah - Fellow

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Carole Young at 1:05 pm.
- b. Acting Chair Young announced that she will be stepping down as Acting Chair.

II. Guest Speaker

- a. Joshua Wolf - Deputy Director, MTA Mobility Paratransit Service
- b. John Calhoun – Title VI and ADA Coordinator for MTA, Equal Opportunity Compliance Programs, MTA Citizens Advisory Committee for Accessible Transportation, Oversight of Charm City Circulator

III. Director's Report

- a. Ms. Lisa Kelly gave the Director’s report on behalf of Director Moore.
 - i. Well wishes to Deputy Director Cedric McCray as he has taken a position in Florida.
 - ii. MCD staff welcomed Samuela “Samie” Ansah as an MCD Mayoral Fellow. Her fellowship will be from June to August 2021.
 - iii. MCD Board will not meet in July and August. Staff will send any information regarding activities or trainings.
 - iv. Three candidates were approved to move forward to the Mayor’s office for the next steps. The remaining candidates will be scheduled to meet with Director Moore in the upcoming weeks.
- b. Staff activities
 - i. Hugh Scoggins and Sharonda Huffman attended the Planning Department – Site Plan Review.
 - ii. Sharonda Huffman participated in mock interviews with Start on Success students at Humanim.
 - iii. MCD staff has addressed seven (7) inquiries from 5/23/2021 to 6/21/2021. Staff also has an active matter regarding ADA Title II access to Harbor water taxis.
 - iv. MCD staff continues to partner with the Mid-Atlantic ADA Network.

IV. Approval of the minutes

- a. The May 26, 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) ¹	Monitor – will check the status of further actions	Governor Vetoed

- b. Acting Chair Young asked that all committees touch base and think of how their committee relates to the accessibility issues in the City and how they can help.

V. Open Forum

- a. Mr. JB Begue and Rico Dancy requested to use another platform such as Zoom for the purpose of accessibility.
- b. Next meeting is scheduled for September of 2021.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Acting Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 2:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond
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Office of Equity and Civil Rights

¹ MTA funding - https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2021RS/fnotes/bil_0004/hb0114.pdf