

**Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement**  
**Mayor's Commission on Disabilities**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 27, 2021**

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Dept
2. Carol Young (Acting Chair) – DGS
3. Curtis Black
4. David Greenberg – League for People with Disabilities
5. Dianne Blevins – Citizen/Office of Equity and Civil Rights
6. Jack Elam – Acting Co-Chair
7. Janice Jackson – Consumer Advocate
8. Jessica Salmond
9. Kendrick McLeod – Law Dept
10. Khary Davis
11. Keina Overton - BCDOT
12. Kimberly (Michelle) Grade – Employment Committee
13. Matthew Reeds
14. Meg Young- DOT
15. Michael Trentadue – Citizen – Accessible Tech Pro
16. Raymond Nyakoe – Access Committee
17. Rico Dancy
18. Rochelle Purnell - BCHD
19. Terry Lindsay – Advocate – S.T.A.R.
20. Velma Early – Access Committee - Risk Management – ORM
21. William Brewer - BCFD
22. Willie Fields – Consumer
23. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS
24. Office of Civil Rights staff:
  - a. Cedric McCray – Acting Director
  - b. Sharonda L. Huffman – Accessibility Coordinator
  - c. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
  - d. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant
  - e. Lauren Jackson – Investigator
25. Guests
  - a. Tim Wiens - Maryland Inclusive Housing Corporation
  - b. Andrea Mast - Maryland Inclusive Housing Corporation
  - c. Shelly Smith

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sharonda Huffman at approximately 1:05 pm.

II. Guest Speaker

- a. Tim Wiens, Executive Director, Maryland Inclusive Housing Corporation
- b. Meg Young – Department of Transportation – Dockless Vehicles

III. Director's Report

- a. Director McCray gave a status of Commissioners and nominees
  - i. Administration – Director McCray welcomed Commissioners that have been sworn-in
    - 1. Mr. Hugh Scoggins gave an update on Commissioners sworn-in, those seeking reappointment, and candidates up for nomination
    - 2. Commissioners – sworn-in (voting rights)
      - a. Michael King
      - b. Adam Levine
      - c. Yojinde Paxton
      - d. Khary Davis
      - e. Kimberley Grade
      - f. Dianne Blevins
      - g. Janice Jackson
      - h. Michael Trentadue
      - i. Victor Smith
    - 3. Commissioners - seeking reappointment (voting rights)
      - a. Jessica Salmond
      - b. Daniel E. Wade
      - c. Willie Fields
      - d. Joe Chin
      - e. David Greenberg
    - 4. Candidates recommended for appointment
      - a. Anil Lewis
      - b. Rico Dancy
      - c. Terrence Lindsey
      - d. Sharon Moore
      - e. Aloma Boma
  - ii. Mayor Scott had appointed a new Director for the Office of Equity and Civil Rights and Baltimore City's Chief Equity Officer – Dana Moore
  - iii. By-laws were shared at last meeting (no comments shared or received on by-laws at this time).

- iv. Ms. Janice Jackson represented the Commission at the Alliance of Disabilities on January 7, 2021
  - 1. January 15, 2021 - Anniversary of the first year since the Office name change – Office of Equity and Civil Rights
  - 2. Webinar – Mental Health Matters (online OECR Facebook counseling project)
- v. Partnership – MidAtlantic ADA Network – workshops - 28<sup>th</sup> annual conference
- vi. Lessons Learned - ADA Coordinators Talk about COVID-19, February 10<sup>th</sup>
- vii. DOT – Launching of Dockless Vehicle Video
- viii. Monthly newsletter
- ix. Next Meeting – February 24<sup>th</sup>

IV. Approval of the minutes

- i. October 28, 2020 minutes approved and accepted.
- ii. Mrs. Huffman asked everyone to review the by-laws for approval
  - 1. Acting Director Young went over the by-laws
  - 2. By-laws were accepted with corrections and additions.

V. Commissioner's Report and Open Forum

- i. Access Committee – Acting Chair Young's team at DGS assisted various Agencies with social distancing for employees at work and the return to work protocols. Acting Chair Young gave highlights on assisting homeless services and the War Memorial with accessibility and COVID 19 guidelines.
- ii. Legislative Committee – Mr. Kendrick McLeod and Mr. Adam Levine highlighted two Bills that are being monitored: 1) Senate Bill (SB284)/House Bill (HB660) regarding defining the terms of service and support dogs relating to Veterans for comment or to bring awareness. 2) Senate Bill (SB313)/House Bill (HB119) regarding the education of health care providers on certain cognitive disorders such Alzheimer's and dementia.
  - a. Senate Bills – 341 (sign language interpretation), 371 (education), 409 (therapy dogs), 388 (vehicle registration for disability plates and parking fees), 199 (Mass Transit Administration proposal)
  - b. House Bills – 535 (sign language interpretation), 716 (education), 713 (therapy dogs), 114 (vehicle registration for disability plates and parking fees)
- iii. Ms. Janice Jackson gave an overview on a presentation by the Maryland Commission on Disabilities regarding a new technology for texting 911.
- iv. Next meeting will be February 24, 2021.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Carole Young adjourned the meeting at 3:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond  
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Office of Equity and Civil Rights