

**Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement**  
**Mayor's Commission on Disabilities**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 24, 2021**

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Dept
2. (Dr.) Brenda P. Haynes – Access Committee
3. Carol Young (Acting Chair) – DGS
4. Crystal Bright - MOEM
5. Jack Elam – Acting Co-Chair
6. Kendrick McLeod – Law Dept
7. Michael Trentadue
8. Raymond Nyakoe – Access Committee
9. Shelly Smith
10. Velma Early – Access Committee
11. William Brewer - BCFD
12. William Fields – Consumer
13. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS

Office of Civil Rights staff:

- a. Cedric McCray – Deputy Director
- b. Sharonda L. Huffman – Accessibility Coordinator (checked-in)
- c. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
- d. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant
- e. Lisa Kelly – Supervisor
- f. Office of Civil Rights participant

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Carole Young at approximately 1:07 pm.

II. Director's Report

- a. Commissioners voted to accept the Director's Report.

III. Approval of the minutes

- i. February 24, 2021 minutes approved and accepted with any necessary corrections.

IV. Commissioner's Report

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<u>Committee Evaluator</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Commission Recommendation</u>	<u>Legislative Outcome Update</u>
	SB 431 \ HB 535	Establishing the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters in MD Dept Labor	Monitor	Have not advanced out of Committees
	SB 523 \ HB 600	Altering the definition of “board” for purpose of requiring State Board of Examiners	Monitor	Health Education and Environmental Affairs
	SB 409 \ HB 713	Requiring County board of education to allow use of Therapy dogs pub sch	Monitor	Health Education and Environmental Affairs
	SB 371 \ HB 716	Special Education: Individual Education Plan – alter circumstances which parent request an independent IEP for a child at public expense	Monitor	Passed Senate 3/16/21 -47-0 – referred to House Ways & Means Committee on 3/17
	SB 98 \ HB 155	Prohibits Local Boards of Ed receiving state funding from discrimination against protected classes, including those with disabilities	Monitor	Senate Hearing 1/28/2021- No Action - House – 2/25/21-Passed 92-45 – r
	SB 284 \ HB 660	Defining the terms of Service Dogs, Support Dogs-MD Veterans Service Animal Program	Refer to Commission for Comments	Senate-Passed 45-0 House – Passed 3/17/21 135
	SB 300\HB714	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	Monitor	Senate Passed 47-0 House Passed 2/11/21 130-6 -Mayor’s Office Favorable report Senate side
	SB 161 \ HB 244	Establish a Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health in Higher Education	Monitor	Has not advanced out of respective Committees in House or Senate
Adam Levine	SB 199 \ HB114	Maryland Transit Administration – Funding (Transit Investment and Safety Act) – would require increased expend.	Written support	House Bill passed by House on 3/18 –ref. Senate Budget&Tax not advanced
	SB 388	Vehicle Registration – Disability Plates/Parking Fees- waiver parkg fees even if meters were ADA-compliant	Monitor	Has not advanced out of Senate Committee
	SB 209/HB 724	Special Education – Educational and Vocational Services – Prolonged School Closure – require sch. systems to provide services after graduation of students for prolonged school closure	Monitor	Bills have not advanced out of Committees
	SB 567/HB 731	Telehealth Services - Expansion – requires state Medicaid Program to reimburse for telehealth services	Written support	Bills have not advanced out of Committees
	SB 286/HB 108	Behavioral Health Response Services	Monitor	SB passed 45-0 on 3/19 ref 3/20 to House Health & Gov Operations Committee – no further action yet <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Legislative Committee Report - All Bill Information provided by Legislative Committee

- i. Legislative information emailed to Mayor's Commission on Disabilities Commissioners, members and staff on behalf of Legislative Committee.
- ii. Next meeting will be April 28, 2021.

iii. Open Forum

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Acting Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond  
Special Assistant  
Office of Equity and Civil Rights