

Disability Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 10th, 2022

Meeting called to order @ 6:59 p.m. by Marilyn.

This meeting held via Zoom in accordance with the orders from Governor Baker.
This Meeting was recorded.

1. Roll Call of Committee Members: Maria Luise, Nichole Mossalam, Marilyn Andrews, Amanda Belles, Frank Cina, Ralph Long, Chuks Ezewuzie, Tovah Miller, and Shanti Chilukuri were present.

2. Approval of meeting minutes tabled to next meeting

Frank motion to accept as amended

Amanda seconded

Motion passes

3. Resumption of Bylaws Discussion

Article IV –

Section 1 – No discussion, no changes

Section 2 –

- Marilyn suggested changing language to “upon written notice”.
Suggestion accepted by consensus.

Section 3 –

- Discussion on the meaning of quorum and language regarding “majority” for passing of motions: majority vs. simple majority. Decided to leave language as “majority” by consensus.

Article V –

Section 1 –

- Marilyn suggests removal of “if needed”. Suggestion accepted by consensus.
- Chuks and Amanda suggest clarifying language for “two consecutive terms in the same office”. Suggestion accepted by consensus.

Section 2 –

- Chuks suggested for Vice Chair “perform other perform other duties as may be assigned by the Chairperson”. Suggestion accepted by consensus.
- Marilyn suggested removal of “when necessary” in duties of Chairperson. Suggestion accepted by consensus.
- Chuks suggested in Vice Chair duties to add “in an official capacity as directed by the Chair”. Suggestion accepted by consensus.
- Group discussion of Clerk duties regarding the notification to members about attendance. Nichole suggested “a member has missed more than three (3) unexcused meetings of the Commission during the year and/or has missed more than 5 total meetings in a year.” Also to change to same

language in article above regarding attendance to maintain consistency.
Suggestion accepted by consensus.

Article VI – No discussion, no changes

Article VII - No discussion, no changes

- Nichole suggested members have time to read By-laws with new changes and vote on adoption at next meeting.
 - Tovah motions to table By-Laws vote to April meeting. Seconded by Chuks. Motion passes unanimously.
4. ADA Self Evaluation – Frank has filed for a grant, no further update
 5. Subcommittee appointments
 - a. Policy – Chair: Nichole. Members: Amanda and Chuks
 - b. School – Chair: Marilyn. Members: Chuks and Tovah. Shanti thinking on it
 - i. Update by Marilyn: Focus on Early learning center. Will be focusing on one school at a time. They met with MRA, Superintendent, ELC staff. Looking at playground and improving accessibility overall.
 - c. Facilities – Chair: Frank. Members: Ralph
 6. Voting Rights Letter update by Amanda – Tovah suggested the House and Senate Ways and Means committees be included as those receiving the letter.
 7. Chuks gives update on Belmont and Harvard Streets. Concrete wheelchair ramp and push button pedestrian signal installed.
 8. Social Media policy – Amanda and Marilyn will reach out through surrounding city commission meeting to ask about any existing policies.
 9. Announcements –
 - a. Marilyn shared flyer info helpline for disabled person protection
 10. Public Comment – None
 11. Next meeting set for April 21st
 12. Meeting adjourned