

**Office of Equity & Civil Rights  
 Mayor's Commission on Disabilities  
 Meeting Minutes  
 May 22, 2024**

Voting	22-May
Bouma, Chair	x
Blevins	x
Fields	x
Grade	x
Greenberg	x
Haynes	x
Jackson	x
Levine	x
Trentadue	
Paxton	x

Non-Voting	22-May	Non-Voting	22-May
BCDSS		DHCD Curtis	
BCFD Yancey/Brewer	x	DHR Butwin	
BCHD Pugh		DOT Gardener	x
BCPSS Paxton/Pena	x	HABC Elam	x
BCRP Nyakoe		Law Levine	x
BPD Newman	x	MOED	
Com. on Aging		OEM Bright/Smith	x
CRC Pineda	x	Planning French	
		Pratt Library Kelly/Stokes	E

Office of Equity and Civil Rights:  
 Viola Woolums  
 Martina Gardner-Phillips  
 Robin Drummond

Guests:  
 Bong Delrosario – Maryland Department of Disabilities  
 Chip Woods – St. Peter's Adult Learning Center  
 Sterling France  
 Keyonna Mayo – Image Center  
 Valerie LaCour – Baltimore City Department of Transportation  
 Eric Williams

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Aloma Bouma at 1:03 pm.
- Chairperson Aloma requested a rollcall and welcomed everyone.

II. Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks were given by Chairperson Aloma Bouma.

III. OECR Program Report

- The Program Report was given by Viola Woolums.
- Administrative Updates
  - OECR participated in 2 community outreach and resource events for older adults since the last MCD meeting: 6th District Senior Symposium on April 25 at Gillis Memorial Church in Park Heights, and Mayor's Older Adult Seminar at Mount Pleasant Church on April 29.
  - OECR Law Clerk Eyphra Ransom has completed their semester with the office.
  - Both the Transportation and the Emergency Preparedness and Response Committees met on May 8. Call for Access Committee Chair.
  - OECR has been invited to consult on the planning for AFRAM again this year. The event takes place June 22 and 23 this year.
  - Financial Disclosures were due before May 1 for all MCD members. If you need assistance, please contact Ethics Officer Maura Romo.
  - The Baltimore City Women's Commission is hosting 4 college students through the Morehead-Cain Summer Enrichment Program to research health inequity in the City.
  - OECR has not received any recommendations for Civil Rights Week Impact Award recipients in the field of disability rights. Please send to Viola Woolums via email.
  - As a reminder, the next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024, at 1:00pm with additional 2024 meetings as follows:  
September 25  
October 23  
November 27
  - 4 disability inquiries were received since the last MCD meeting: 1 services referral, 1 building accessibility, 1 event accessibility. A status update will be presented during the ADA Inquiry update noted on the agenda in lieu of an Access Committee meeting, as the Access Committee remains without a chairperson.

IV. Guest Speaker: Valerie LaCour, Baltimore City Department of Transportation

- Shared information about ADA Compliance Division work on a city-wide ADA transportation plan for all agencies. LaCour solicited feedback.

V. Approval of Minutes

- Member David Greenberg moved to approve the April 17, 2024 minutes, seconded by member Janice Jackson. Motion carried and minutes were approved without objection.

VI. MCD Chairperson Update

- Chairperson Aloma Bouma commented on her treatment during the primary elections judging. Paxton agreed with the comments and agreed that there should be sensitivity training.

VII. Committees Reports

- Emergency Preparedness & Response – Crystal Bright
  - Committee met on May 8 and discussed the following:
    1. Auditing inspection reports and emergency preparedness SOPs from MTA in response to safety concerns
    2. Attending existing trainings for first responders and Mobility drivers to audit for quality of disability-related content.
- Transportation – Chair, Janice Jackson
  - Committee met with guests from MTA Mobility (Director Scott Corbin and Joyce Tarrant) re: safety issues raised after October 2023 incident.
  - MTA provided only general response to the issues but nothing specific.
  - An ongoing partnership with MTA is necessary to see change.
  - Keyonna Mayo and William Fields gave feedback as well.
  - Chair Bouma expressed need for follow-up including review of Mobility maintenance reports with DOT and participation in driver trainings.
  - Jackson spoke about Keyonna Mayo becoming a sworn-in member with complaints about the onboarding process. David Greenberg agreed. Viola Woolums stated that there are currently 8 applicants in the process.

VIII. Open forum

IX. Closing

- Next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024 via Zoom.

- There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Aloma asked for a motion to adjourn.
- William Fields moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janice Jackson at 3:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of Equity and Civil Rights