



OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities (MCD)

Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2024

Voting	25-Sept.
Bouma, Chair	x
Blevins	E
Fields	x
Grade	E
Greenberg	x
Haynes	
Jackson	x
Levine	x
Paxton	x

Non-Voting	25-Sept.	Non-Voting	25-Sep
BCDSS		DHCD Curtis	
BCFD Yancey/Brewer		DHR Butwin	
BCHD Pugh		DOT Gardener	x
BCPSS Paxton/Pena		HABC Elam	x
BCRP Nyakoe		Law Levine	
BPD Newman		MOED	
Com. on Aging		OEM Bright/Smith	x
CRC Pineda	x	Planning French	
		Pratt Library Kelly	

Office of Equity and Civil Rights:

Robin Drummond
Caron Watkins
Caylin Young

Guests:

Bong Delrosario – Maryland Department of Disabilities
Debrah Edlow
Sterling France
Chris Mason-Hale – Kennedy Krieger Institute
Keyonna Mayo – Image Center
James Orman – People on the Go Maryland
Nikki Stokes – Pathfinders for Autism
Michael Trentadue – Accessible Tech Pro
2 American Sign Language Interpreters – Anna & James

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Aloma Bouma at 1:05 pm.
- Chairperson Aloma requested a rollcall and welcomed everyone.

II. Opening Remarks

- Opening remarks were given by Chairperson Aloma Bouma.

III. Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) Program Report

- Program Report given by Caylin Young.
- OECR/MCD recently participated in an emergency sheltering workshop hosted by the Baltimore City Fire Department Office of Emergency Management.
- Voting Members are asked to please complete the Open Meetings Act course if able and email Viola Woolums a copy of the certificate.
- The last two MCD meetings of 2024 are scheduled for October 23 and November 27, both at 1:00pm.
- The Baltimore City Department of Planning would like to feature a speaker with lived mobility disability experience at an upcoming meeting to speak on the topic of universal design and planning for accessibility from a disability justice perspective.

Civil Rights Week

- Annual Civil Rights Breakfast takes place October 7 with tickets, tables, and sponsorships available for purchase. An ASL interpreter has been scheduled.
- Panel presenters are needed for the October 8, 2024 lunchtime discussion. Current students and recent graduates are encouraged to volunteer (who recently benefitted from the services offered in any type of educational setting in Baltimore City).
- Volunteers are needed on October 8, 2024 for:
 - OECR/MOCFS partnership event: Inclusion at Every Age 9:30am – 2:00pm
 - MCD Fireside Chats 2:30 – 5:00pm.
- Fireside Chat invitations have been sent and participants are pending confirmation for the topics are based on MCD member preferences:
 - “Right to Travel in the City”
 - “Right to Information on the Web”
 - “Right to Work in and for the City”

IV. Approval of Minutes

- David Greenberg moved to approve the May 22 and June 26 MCD minutes. Yojinde Paxton seconded the motion. Minutes approved without objection.

V. MCD Chairperson Update

- Chair Aloma Bouma asked for everyone to advertise about the Civil Rights Week disability awareness day. Let OECR know if you would like a table for an agency you represent at the resource fair from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
 - i. The following noted they will staff a table: Chris-Mason Hale, Janice Jackson, tentatively Keyonna Mayo.
- Chair Bouma called for general volunteers for Civil Rights Week disability awareness day. OECR will staff the registration table.
 - i. Byron Pugh will volunteer as a greeter in the early part of the day.
 - ii. Adam Levine will volunteer for the whole day and suggest a panelist who is involved in ADA issues.
- Civil Rights Week Fireside Chat was discussed. There was a desire to start at 2:00pm instead of 2:30pm to accommodate 3 panels before 4:45pm. Chair Bouma requested a cordless microphone.
 - i. Chair Aloma asked for moderators who will coordinate the speaker panels. She will moderate the Right to Access panel with Baltimore City IT. Michael Trentadue noted his office plans to attend.
 - ii. William Fields volunteered to moderate the Right to Travel panel.
 - iii. Crystal Bright volunteered to moderate the Right to Work panel with the Baltimore City Department of Human Resources and Community Relations Commission.
- Civil Rights Breakfast was discussed. Caylin Young noted there are tickets for 5 MCD members to attend. Following members intend to attend: William Fields, Yojinde Paxton, Aloma Bouma, Jack Elam. Caylin Young will confirm attendance. Chris Mason-Hale will attend and is bringing a guest.
- Chair Bouma spoke about issues in the city jail and issues with the blind community that need to be addressed with BPD.
- Chair Bouma thanked ASL interpreters.
- Chair Aloma asked if there were any concerns regarding accessibility. None were noted. Mike Trentadue would like to work with concerns and complaints.
- William Fields requested an electronic flyer for Civil Rights Week. Caron Watkins noted it will be provided to the Chair to be reviewed for accessibility, She copied the [embedded event link](#) in the chat.

VI. Committee Reports

- Transportation – Acting Chair, Janice Jackson
She reached out to Bong Delrosario from MDOD. She explained that they are changing the policy that if a call is received overnight and you are out late, that duty will now be performed directly by dispatch and control center. All other late calls will be taken as usual.

Bong Delrosario of MDOD noted cases or complaints, should be sent to them and the MTA team. There are monthly safety meetings through MTA to address complaints. The goal is much better service. Customer service is priority, i.e. language, wheelchair securement, and bus service throughout the state. Please send an email and they will be addressed.

Bong Delrosario and Stephen DeRae will be at the Fireside Chat concerning transportation policy.

VII. ADA Inquiry Update

- No update.

VIII. Open forum

- OECR Interim Director Caron Watkins, Deputy Director Caylin Young, and Community Relations Commission Investigator Andrea Pineda attended the meeting to support in Viola Woolums' absence. Director Watkins appreciated everyone's support.

IX. Closing

- Next meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2024, via Zoom.
- There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of Equity and Civil Rights