



# OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS

## Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes January 28, 2026

Attendance:

Voting	26-Nov
Bouma, Chair	x
Blevins	
Fields	x
Grade	x
Greenberg	x
Haynes	
Jackson	
Levine	x

Associate	26-Nov	Associate	26-Nov
BCDSS		DHCD Curtis	
BCFD Yancey		DHR Butwin	
BCHD Pugh/Eastman		DOT Gardener	
BCPSS Paxton/Dean		HABC Elam/Jackson	x
BCRP Nyakoe		Law Levine	x
BPD Newman		MOED	
Com. on Aging		OEM Bright/Smith	
CRC Pineda/Burton		Planning French/Bauer/Harris	x
		Pratt Library Kelly/Stokes	

Office of Equity and Civil Rights:

Amber Greene, Director  
Lisa Kelly, Chief of Investigations  
Terrie Lewis, Complainant Advocate

Guests:

Journee Harris (Associate/Planning)  
Megan Jackson (Associate/HABC)  
Debora Edlow  
Keyonna Hayes, The IMAGE Center of Maryland  
Chip Woods, St. Peters Adult Learning Center  
Monica Haynes Benkhedda  
Stacy Ibekweh – Loving Support Center Inc.  
Chi Ray

**I. Welcome/Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Aloma Bouma at 1:40 pm.
- Chief Kelly assisted the Chair with Roll Call.

**II. Opening Remarks**

- Chairperson Aloma Bouma gave opening remarks.

**III. OECR Program Report**

- Director Greene gave the Director's Report.
- For the first time, OECR convened all Board and Commission chairs on January 14, 2026, in a hybrid meeting.
  - The purpose of these quarterly meetings is to provide a forum for chairpersons to share priorities, ideas for outreach initiatives, and strengthen collaborative efforts to Baltimore residents.
  - Next quarterly meeting is April 2026.
- Board members are also reminded to complete their financial disclosures due on or before April 30, 2026.
- Metrics
  - ADA inquiries received since November 2025 MCD meeting = 5
    - Program Accessibility – 1
    - Housing (elevators) - 4
  - Outreach Update
    - Civil Rights Week 2026 planning has started. OECR looks forward to collaborating with MCD.
- Legislative Update
  - Next meeting date
    - Maryland's Legislative Session is underway.
    - OECR will recommend legislation to track.
    - Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 1PM

**IV. Approval of the minutes**

- No approval of minutes.

**V. MCD Chairperson**

- Discussed accessibility issues caused by the weather. Discussion on snow removal and assistance with food and water for free. Keyonna Hayes and William Fields weighed in on their concerns.
- Director Greene will address the snow removal with the Mayor.
- Civil Rights Week
  - Members discussed CRW 2026 and MCD event.
  - MCD will think about Community Day during CRW 2026.
- MOGR Portal – Mayor's Office of Government Relations
  - Discussed accessibility issues caused by the MOGR portal.
    1. Chief Kelly will assist Chair Aloma and member William Fields with using the portal.

**VI. Committee Reports focus on Legislation**

- Commission Development – Chair, David Greenberg
  - No report.
- Transportation Committee – Chair, Janice Jackson
  - No report
- Emergency Preparedness – Chair, Crystal Bright
  - No report.
- Legislative Committee – Co-chairs Adam Levine & Jack Elam
  - Spoke about concerns with snow events and will pass it on separately.
  - Training on legislation event by Kristofer Burnett and Zachary Wellman – December 15<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the training could be made available to those who could not attend.
  - Session: Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Session – April 13<sup>th</sup> *Sine die*.
  - Adam Levine spoke about the legislative process and introduction of bills, and approval process.
  - Adam Levine shared a link to the information on the proposed Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDA) cuts.
  - Legislative – Open captioning bill for movie theaters, Senate bill 259 open captioning – decrease the number of screens required
  - Legislative – NFB – there was no legislation.
  - Legislative – mapping by a company – bill for adaptable vehicles.
  - Legislative – voting system – absentee ballot to protect a person’s right to vote and accessible telephone to accommodate disabilities. Senate Bill 73 - Chair Aloma will get the update.
  - A spreadsheet will be sent with the other bills by Member Levine.
  - Chip Woods weighed in.
  - Chair Aloma talked about having a community meeting and what location is best. Members suggested holding a meeting when the weather is warmer.
- Access Committee – Chair vacant
  - No report.
- Employment Committee – Chair vacant
  - No report.
- Housing Committee – Chair vacant
  - No report.

**VII. Associate Member Reports**

- No report.

**VIII. ADA Inquiry Update**

- Any updates will be tabled until the next meeting.

**IX. Open forum**

- None.

**X. Closing**

- Chairperson Aloma Bouma adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of Equity and Civil Rights