



OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS

Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes February 25, 2026

Attendance:

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

Associate	26-Nov	Associate	26-Nov
BCDSS		DHCD Curtis	
BCFD Yancey	x	DHR Butwin	
BCHD Pugh/Eastman		DOT Gardener	x
BCPSS Paxton/Dean		HABC Elam/Jackson	
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

Martina Gardner, Administrative Coordinator

Terrie Lewis, Complainant Advocate

Robin Drummond, Boards and Commissions Coordinator

Guests:

Journee Harris (Associate/Planning)

Debora Edlow

Chip Woods, St. Peters Adult Learning Center

Andrea Jackson- Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Stacy Ibekweh – Loving Support Center Inc.

Chimiya Ray

Catrina Jones

Bong Del Rosario, Maryland Department of Disabilities
Mary H – ASL Interpreter
Desiree Edwards-Smith, ASL Interpreter
Chris Mason-Hale, Kennedy Krieger
Erin Kelly -Enoch Pratt Free Library
Eynar Pineda, SNF Parkway Theatre
Journee Harris
Sterling France
Rico Dancey- President, Black Lives Matter for the Deaf
Chris Mason-Hale, Kennedy Krieger
Teara Winmond – The IMAGE Center
Alex McLin - Vice President Baltimore City Association of the Deaf

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Aloma Bouma at 1:03 pm.
- Terry Lewis assisted the Chair with Roll Call.

II. Opening Remarks

- Chairperson Aloma Bouma gave opening remarks.

III. Guest presenter – Eynar Pineda, SNF Parkway Theatre

- Films not captioned
- Assistive listening devices available
- Looking for technology grants/funding opportunities
- Alex McLin and Eynar Pineda will collaborate on captioning
- Catrina Jones would like to talk more about issues with the youth that can be brought to film.

IV. OECR Program Report

- Terrie Lewis gave the Director’s Report.
- Staff and Board Updates
 - Board members are reminded to complete their financial disclosures on or before April 30, 2026.
- Metrics
 - Number of ADA inquiries received since the October 2025 meeting: 9
 - Program accessibility - 1
 - Physical accessibility - 1
 - Housing (elevators) - 3
 - Housing (affordability) - 1
 - Accessible parking – 2
 - Employment - 1
 - Outreach Update
 - Civil Rights Week 2026 planning has started. OECR looks forward to collaborating with MCD.

- Legislative Update
 - Maryland's Legislative Session is underway.
 - OECR will recommend legislation to track.
 - SB 259 & HB 435 - Open Captioned Movies
 - HB 1242 - Transportation of persons with disabilities
 - HB 311-Public Schools– Accessibility and Emergency Planning,
 - HB 268 - Correctional Services– Individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities
- Next Meeting Date
 - Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 1PM

V. Approval of the minutes

- Member David Greenberg moved to approve the January 28, 2026, minutes seconded by Khalilah Yancey. Minutes were approved with objections or corrections.

VI. MCD Chairperson

- Discussed including more communities accessible to the deaf – in person.
- Alex McLin weighed in but concern is having meetings in the evening. Members weighed in that with advanced notice, they might be able to meet in the evening.
 - Other suggestions were to alternate day and night.
 - Spoke about the Deaf Night out is every 3rd Saturday of the month.
 - Chair Aloma Bouma spoke about meeting on the Fourth Wednesday of the month of April at 7pm to meet at the League for People with Disabilities.
 - Teara Winmond agreed that it would be a reasonable amount of time.
 - David Greenberg clarified that this would be a regular MCD meeting 4th Wednesday, League.
 - Chip Woods added that in the future, St. Peters is available.
 - Chair Aloma Bouma also clarified that the April MCD meeting will take place on the 4th Wednesday in April at 7 pm at the League and not the regular 1 pm.
- Terrie Lewis, Chief Kelly, and Chair Aloma will work together on getting the status of participants. Who is an official member of the Commission.
- Rico Dancey
 - Rico Dancey Law proposed Ohio
 - Black Lives Matter for the Deaf in D.C.
 - Concerns about police department trainings
 - ASL Cynthia Norma can help communicate with the police.

- Chair Aloma Bouma suggested having someone come in from DPW to come in next month to discuss the snow removal and better ideas for next year. David Greenberg reminded everyone to be respectful to them.
- Member Adam Levine suggested that the Department of Transportation and the Office of Emergency Management be included in the invitation for the March meeting.
- Sterling France stated that the City the snow removal process included piling snow to be retrieved as it was piled 6-8 feet high and blocked transportation.
- Chris Mason-Hale would like to see a dedicated event for people with disabilities.

VII. 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
 - Bill that proposes to create a telephone by voting system - cost is between \$200,000 and \$300,000 per year.
 - Bill to authorize the Department of Disabilities to create a program within the department for affordable housing programs for those with disabilities by way of established foundations.
 - To make use of assistive technology, so that those with disabilities can live in their home independently
- Access Committee – Chair vacant
 - No report.
- Employment Committee – Chair vacant
 - No report.
- Housing Committee – Chair vacant
 - No report.

VIII. Associate Member Reports

- No report.

IX. ADA Inquiry Update

- Any updates will be tabled until the next meeting.

X. Open forum

- Rico Dancey – How is the Commission addressing issues with the police department and how they are coming in contact with the those of the Deaf Community.

XI. Closing

- Chairperson Aloma Bouma called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Member David Greenberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 pm.

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.