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Minutes: Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities 9/9/2026

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In attendance: Holly Simione (chair), Sheila Tracy, Harriotte Ranvig, Nick Altshculer, Niki Aurora, Helen Corrigan, Katie Andalcio, Phoenix Stoddard, Danielle O'Hearn

Liaison in attendance: Brenna Broderick, Mayor's Office

Agenda:

- Roll Call, Welcome, Read Agenda: Holly Simione 6pm
- Reminder of Robert's Rules and recommendations for respectful and caring communication: Harriotte Hurie
- Welcome new Members! – Roberts Rules, Fresh Ideas, New Perspectives
- HP Funds Discussion and Vote
    - iCan Bike Program
    - Inclusive Dance Class for all ages and abilities, 45 minutes, Zoom with Kaylee Bays
    - SHSSF Class of 2027 Scholarship Funding
    - SHSSF Class of 2027 Mary Houghton Memorial Scholarship
    - Accessible Swings Past and Future: procurement and physical access
    - questions and concerns
- Disability Pride 2026 Past Events Discussion
    - Flag Raising, Family Friendly Library Event, Art Beat
- Crip Camp movie showing at TAB in Council on Aging space
    - (September/October date TBC)
    - Food/Activity
- Community Art Project centered on inclusion and the perspective of PWD who live, learn,
work, visit and thrive in Somerville MA, Nicole Cannon
- Inclusive Somerville, Holly Simione
    - City Council, Public Events
- Draft Letter to Mayor, Elyse Best
- Letter in support of Inclusive Schools, Jess Adams
- Treasurer's report, Sheila Tracy
- Housing Strategy to Increasing the number and sizes of affordable and Accessible units in Somerville, Holly Simione
- ADA Transition Plan Update
- Website redesign
- SCPD Email
- Mobility request for input on future designs
- Chairs Report: SCPD Membership, MAAB Variances
- Annual Commission Training – a future Special Meeting to be scheduled

Meeting called to order once quorum established (6:08pm)

Motion to approve expense of $500 for Kaylee Bayes to conduct accessible dance class.

Motion to approve allocation of $66,ooo (11 students at $6,000) to scholarship fund.
5 in favor, 5 opposed, tie goes to Chair (opposed). Motion fails.

Motion to approve allocation of $55,ooo (11 students at $5,000) to scholarship fund.
10 in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

Motion to release all records related to the procurement, purchase, and installation of the 10 swings.
10 in favor, 1 abstaining, none opposed. Motion passes.

Motion to amend draft letter to Mayor Wilson regarding budget concerns.
9 in favor, 1 abstaining, none opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to amend draft letter to School Committee regarding inclusive schools concerns
9 in favor, 1 abstaining, none opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn (8:47pm)

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