



AGENDA  
Commission for Citizens with Disabilities  
Commissions Room  
Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005  
January 16, 2025  
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Approval of November 14th, 2024 Minutes
- IV. REPORTS
- V. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Disability Employment Awareness Award
    - a. News or Events to Share
  - B. Presentations
    - a. Review Recent Presentation
    - b. New Ideas
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Transportation
    - a. Transportation Subcommittee Meeting
    - b. Metropolis hosting the RTA's Suburban Transit Summit
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH  
DISABILITIES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2024  
6:30 P.M.  
BUECHNER CONFERENCE ROOM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Commissions of Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Letwat and seconded by commissioner Calibraro 6:30 p.m. in the Buechner Room at the Village Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Sheryl Letwat, Chairman  
Seth Goldberg, Commissioner  
Eva Mullinax, Commissioner  
Roxanne L. Calibraro, Commissioner  
Beth Deiter, Commissioner  
Eva Mullinax, Commissioner

**Also Present:** Stacey Shein Stapleton, Interpreter  
Nafia Kahn, Guest  
Jason Sternberg, Guest

**Absent:** David McCallum, Commissioner

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made and agreed upon The Commissioner to approve the minutes of the September 2024 Commissions for Citizens with Disabilities Meeting.**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Disability Employment Awareness Award**

**a. News or Events to Share**

The Commission is still considering other avenues to highlight those with disabilities. Highlighting those who are treated inclusively, equitably, and perhaps are spotlighted in the community from a variety of entities including but not limited to: Businesses, Schools, Sports Clubs, The Library, etc.

The Commissioners shared together a plethora of ideas for different types of re-shaping the DEAA. Commissioner Goldberg provided an example of using St. Viator High School for Disability Celebration.

**B. Presentation**

**a. Review Recent Presentation**

The Commissioners discussed with Chairman Letwat, about the presentation that was in person and also via zoom. The Presentation was very informative with a lot of follow up questions.

**b. New Ideas**

Chairman Letwat shared with the commissioners how she attended the Disability Fair this summer and was able to meet with Laurie Abel, the chairperson. Chairperson Abel presented the idea of having someone from Illinois come talk to families about saving their children with disabilities. They plan on voting on the idea next meeting.

**C. PROGRESS CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Nafia Kahn, speaker for the Progress Center for Independent Living, spoke to the commission on the company provides assistance for the disabled. The Progress Center for Independent Living is a company that provides services for people with disabilities but also receive services for people with disabilities, about 50% of their employees have disabilities and about 51% of the board has disabilities. The organization's goals and mission are to make sure they help people with disabilities of all disabilities to help them achieve their self-determined goals. Currently they are trying to advocate for the dignity at pay law to be changed in Illinois, that would give people with disabilities a chance at competitive wage jobs. This would mean people with disabilities wouldn't get the bottom of the barrel jobs anymore. They also provide personal home assistance for help with grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning, etc.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. TRANSPORTATION**

**a. Transportation Sub-Committee meeting**

The Commissioners discussed the Sub-Committee meeting. Several Commissioners attend the meeting along with the Summit. Commissioners shared that there will be a budget meeting for all transportation agency at the Metropolis, a date is to be determined. At the transportation Summit, Commissioners found it very resourceful. All transportation agencies got a chance to speak publicly to the audiences, and after they broke up into small groups to ask questions from each agency individually. The Commission was informed that the Legislature must approve funding in the next session, which goes into the budget for the 3 agencies. In 2026, COVID money from the state

will end. If the money is not approved by that time there will be service cuts and also delays. Unfortunately, at the Summit there was no discussion about cab services or other transportation services. Commissioners strongly encourage that they attend the next budgeting meeting, to inform the Legislature about the struggles with transportation in Arlington Heights.

At the Summit, Commissioners were informed that all agency is making revisions, agencies have discussed a way for transportation to be on call for people within the community. Whether that be through a bus, or even trying to utilize Lyft or Uber. Commissioners voiced that Uber does have similar program but as of right now it is only in the City of Chicago; Commissioner Goldberg voiced that he believes Uber is only accessible for people with disabilities in Chicago. Commissioner Goldberg believes the Commission should find out how many people with disabilities live in the area.

- b. Metropolis hosting the RTA's Suburban Transit Summit  
Commissioners discussed the lack of transportation that is needed in Arlington Heights, it was brought to their attention that the summits are meant to bring knowledge and awareness to the agencies about the lack of transportation. All agencies are working to fix this issue such as the CTA, RTA, and Metra. At the moment all agencies have considered the input in changes that need to be made from the community and the commission, it is the lack of funds that haven't brought these changes to fruition. The Commission discussed about coming up with some kind of plan in order to make change happen, they are looking to pitch it to Maggie Trevor or Mary Beth Canty.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Goldberg, Seconded by Commissioner Harrison, and approved by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.**





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**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities  
1/16/2025**

**Item:** Transportation

- a. Transportation Subcommittee Meeting
- b. Metropolis hosting the RTA's Suburban Transit Summit

**Department:** Health & Human Services

**Item Description:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None