

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES
TUESDAY, August 12TH, 2025
6:30 P.M.
BUECHNER CONFERENCE ROOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Commission of Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairman Durkin at 6:30 p.m. in the Buechner Room at the Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Roxanne Calibraro, Commissioner
Seth Goldberg, Commissioner
David R. McCallum, Commissioner
Pam McVoy, Commissioner
Beith Deiter, Commissioner
Jennifer Durkin, Chairman

Also Present:

Hannah Kane, Liaison
TreWan Collins, Health & Human Services
Mila Tsagalis, Director of Health & Human Services

Not Present:

Eva Mullinax, Commissioner
Brian Harrison, Commissioner

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A motion was made and agreed upon to approve the minutes of the May 13th, 2025, Commissions for Citizens with Disabilities Meeting.**

IV. Reports

A. Commissioner Roles

Commissioners went through the list of events they will be taking on, along with small projects as well. Commissioner Goldberg will be taking lead managing the abilities celebration, Commissioner McVoy will be taking on helping with speakers and presentations that commission plans on hosting later this year, along with commissioner Deiter offering to be a point person for Frontier days going forward, Chairman Durkin has chosen to take on the new Disability & Advocacy Award project that was created by the

commission this year of 2025. Other commissioners have offered to assist and help alongside during the process when needed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Voting (Meeting/Award name)

The Commission needed to come up with a name for the new award that they hope to present, hopefully next year in the spring. Chairman Durkin recommended the “Disability & Inclusion Award”. Other ideas were introduced and ultimately dismissed by the group. Commissioner Goldberg inquired about logistics, such as how people would be nominated for this award, and the commissioner explained that Liaison Hannah Kane would help in creating QR codes on a postcard or flyer. These flyers would be handed out and posted in businesses to bring awareness, and will also be promoted on the village website.

B. Frontier Survey questions

No survey was developed by commissioners. Commissioners discussed concerns that were noted during the event this year, such as not having a table for the commission, attendees feeling mistreated, rides were open but not open to all ages, and there being no shade or water available for the children. The commission discussed these as additional reasons why the commission strongly believes in a sensory tent for the event next year. Commissioner Goldberg did remind the commission that there was construction this year and that it was also difficult for volunteers to maneuver and get into the event because of the construction going on at the park district. Chairman Durkin believes a series of topics need to be discussed with Frontier Days first before next year’s event, including parking, lack of accessibility, seating for the public, and designated areas or shade and water.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ADA/SSDI Speaker

Commissioners talked about having an ADA speaker to go over disabilities in the community with a focus audience of business owners, along with another SSDI speaker with an audience of family members and parents of individuals with disabilities. The commissioners decided to look into speakers outside of the meeting and come back next meeting with some recommendations.

B. Abilities Celebration

Commissioner Goldberg recommends that the Commission do an Ability Celebration. Commissioner Golderberg explained the idea which the Commission would host and

would include DJs, booths, and non-for-profit organizations. This celebration was in planning stages in 2020, but due to COVID, it was unfortunately canceled.

Commissioner Goldberg would like to propose the idea to Village Manager Randy Recklaus and Mayor Jim Tinaglia, along with the Commission's support. Chairman Durkin recommended that the Commission consider partnering with other events first before tackling on an event so big. Commissioner Goldberg claims the event he is trying to get the Commission to host would be way broader and bigger. There was discussion amongst commissioners regarding the manpower and funds this sort of event would require, and they expressed concerns about the Commission's capacity.

The Commissioners shared a general consensus that this is a good idea, and noted there are some important questions that need to be answered, such as, "What is the budget for this event? Do we have a space for something like this? Are we able to have any volunteers to help run the event?" before commissioners feel comfortable voting on this. Commissioner Goldberg says he can obtain a lot of the materials that are needed for this event for free or at a minimal cost. Commissioners brought up the question of who the event is targeted at, noting the Commission doesn't want to re-invent the wheel; there are many other similar local events that the Commission could partner with. Commissioner Goldberg was assigned to create a budget and proposal to present to the other Commissioners at the next meeting.

C. 2020 Proposal

The 2020 Proposal for the original Abilities Celebration was presented along with Commissioner Goldberg's request to revisit hosting and planning an abilities Celebration, given the original event had to be cancelled in the beginning planning stages due to COVID-19. The Commission will hear Commissioner Goldberg's proposal and event budget at the next meeting and plan to vote to see if this is an event they are going to host and be responsible for.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was to adjourn by Commissioner Deiter, seconded by Commissioner Mcvov, and approved by unanimous consent, adjourned 8:00 P.M.

