



AGENDA

Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
Buechner Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
August 11, 2026
6:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of June 9th, 2026 Minutes
- IV. REPORTS
 - A. Health & Human Services
 - B. Inclusion & Kindness Award
 - C. Special Events Subcommittee
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Frontier days Disability Day
 - B. Fall 2026 Educational Event Planning
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Abilities Celebration
- 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 THE COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES
TUESDAY, June 9TH, 2026
6:30 P.M.
BUECHNER CONFERENCE ROOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order by Chairmen Durkin at 6:31 p.m. in the Buechner Room at the Village Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Roxanne Calibraro, Commissioner
Eva Mullinax, Commissioner
David R. McCallum, Commissioner
Pam McVoy, Commissioner
Jennifer Thomas, Commissioner
Jennifer Durkin, Chairmen

Also Present:

Hannah Kane, Liaison
Mila Tsagalis, Director of Health & Human Services
Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager

Not Present:

Seth Goldberg, Commissioner
Brian Harrison, Commissioner
Beth Deiter, Commissioner

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Chairperson Durkin and seconded by Commissioner Calibraro to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Commission for Citizens with Disabilities meeting.

b. Age Friendly Report

Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center Manager, presented an update on the Age-Friendly Communities initiative. She shared results from a recent community survey designed to assess residents' perceptions of aging in Arlington Heights. Survey findings identified affordable senior housing and transportation as two of the community's highest priorities.

Ms. Colagrossi explained that the Age-Friendly initiative has focused on these priorities over the past six years through ongoing planning and community partnerships aimed at

improving quality of life for residents of all ages. She also reviewed the survey outreach methods, participation data, and key findings with the Commission.

IV. REPORTS

a. Health And Human Services

Director Tsagalis reported that the Health & Human Services Department is hosting summer interns within both the Social Services and Environmental Health divisions. She shared that the internship program has provided students with valuable field experience while supporting departmental initiatives.

Director Tsagalis also provided an update on the expansion of nursing services, including plans for a mobile kidney care van that will operate through a third-party provider. Additional information regarding the program is currently being finalized, with services anticipated to begin near the end of August.

b. Inclusion & Kindness Award

Liaison Kane reported that no additional nominations had been received since the previous meeting. Commissioners who were unable to attend the May meeting were informed that approximately 10 to 12 nominations have been received to date.

c. Special Events Subcommittee

Liaison Kane presented a written update on behalf of Commissioner Goldberg regarding the Special Events Subcommittee. The subcommittee met virtually on June 5, 2026, to continue planning for the upcoming Abilities Celebration.

Discussion focused on the event's overall structure, which is currently planned as a community resource fair. The subcommittee identified approximately 17 nonprofit organizations and community partners for outreach and recruitment. To simplify event logistics, refreshments will consist of snacks rather than hot food, eliminating the need for health department inspections. A Save the Date announcement will be distributed to the community once vendor participation has been confirmed.

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V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Frontier Days

Liaison Kane provided an update regarding accessibility planning for Frontier Days following additional conversations with Festival Representative Jim Glueckert. She reported that accessible parking will be available on Hickory, Douglas, and Belmont Streets, including the first block adjacent to the event.

Commissioners also discussed the need for an accessible drop-off location. Staff reported that the final location remains dependent upon ongoing construction activities. Mr. Glueckert indicated that volunteers may be needed to assist attendees with navigating accessible entrances during the event. Director Tsagalis suggested reaching out to the Youth Commission to determine whether members would be available to assist with wayfinding.

b. AHFD Community Risk Reduction Presentation

No business was discussed.

VI. New Business

a. Fall 2026 Event

Director Tsagalis reviewed upcoming Commission events scheduled throughout the summer and fall and initiated discussion regarding a potential educational speaker program later in the year.

Commissioners expressed continued interest in hosting a speaker but emphasized the importance of strong community outreach and promotion to encourage attendance. Director Tsagalis suggested using the upcoming Abilities Celebration as an opportunity to gather feedback from attendees regarding future presentation topics. Commissioner Thomas recommended conducting a community survey during Disability Day to identify topics of interest.

Commissioners agreed to revisit the discussion following the fall events before making a final decision regarding the educational program.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was to adjourn by Chairmen Durkin and approved by unanimous consent. Meeting Adjourned at 8 :21 P.M.



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**Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
8/11/2026**

Item: Abilities Celebration

Department: Health & Human Services

Item Description:

ATTACHMENTS:

None