

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, June 11, 2025

7:00 P.M., Virtual Meeting

Members Present

Megan Prince, Chair
Alex Sprague, Vice Chair
Kristen Creighton
Caitlin Fitzsimmons
Rachel Dixon
Huayra Forster
Lawrence Lewis
Deanne McNulty
Alex Radt
Jacob Griffin
Howard Weiss
Shannon Loelius
Robbie Woodson
Robert Ludke

City Staff Present

Delante Wade

1. **Call to Order/Introductions by Chair Prince**

Chair Prince called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Introductions were made, including introduction of new liaison Delante Wade.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion by Chair Prince, seconded by Vice Chair Sprague, the Agenda was approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

3. **Approval of Minutes of the May Minutes Meeting**

Upon a motion by Chair Prince, seconded by Vice Chair Sprague, the May minutes were approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

4. **Public Comment**

None

5. **Chair's Report**

None

6. **Guest speakers**

City Hall Renovation Presentation

Jenine Kotob, Assistant Director, Capital Projects, General Services
Gabriela Canamar, Design Leader, LandDesign, Inc.

A presentation was given by General Services about the proposed design for the new City Hall renovation project. The presentation addressed the design goals, which were to (1) Re-energize City Hall as a center of gravity; (2) Strengthen its role as a civic center; (3) Preserve its iconic presence; (4) Expand its role as destination driver; and (5) Create a vibrant, efficient workplace. Members of the commission were provided with a copy of the presentation.

7. **Committee Reports**

- **Executive Committee:** None
- **Legislative Committee:** None
- **Housing Committee:** None
- **Housing Affordability Committee:** None
- **Accessibility-Friendly Businesses Committee:** Commissioner Woodson notified the commission that Claire Mouledoux, Sr. Vice President of Marketing & Communication at Visit Alexandria would be making a presentation (regarding accessibility, travel and the different cities around the country trying to advertise to the disability community) at the ACPD Awards Ceremony. Commissioner Woodson stated that she was not aware of this organization, nor that anybody in the city of Alexandria sat on it.
- **Board of Architectural Review:** None
- **Disability Pride Month:** Disability Pride Month Proclamation is going to be presented at the June 24th City Council Legislative Meeting @ 7:00 pm. Proclamation may be read at the beginning of the meeting. Please attend if you are available.
- **Human Rights Commission:** The last Human Rights Commission meeting was a “Know Your Rights” seminar. It was very well received by the community. A lot of people from other related commissions came in, and asked questions. Members from the ACLU provided presentations. Request for members of the commission to attend the Alexandria Pride Festival on June 28th. Office of Human Rights is usually there with a booth. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help run the booth that would be great.

8. **Action Items**

- **Election:** The two positions that are up for voting are Chair and Vice Chair. After the Chair and Vice Chair are selected, the Chair and Vice Chair can nominate someone to be the third person on the Executive Committee. Megan Prince ran unopposed for Chair and was voted in (11 in favor- 1 abstain). Alex Sprague and Alex Radt ran against each other for Vice Chair and Alex Sprague was voted in (8 in favor, 2 against and 1 abstain). All the

nominees provided brief statements as to why they believe that they are the best qualified for the positions and answered questions posed by members of the commission. Chair Prince nominated Alex Radt to be the third Executive Committee member, seconded by Commissioner Griffen. Executive committee will arrive ½ hour prior to monthly meeting to have discussions.

- **Vote to Take Summer Month Off:** No meeting in August.

9. Member Report

- Vice Chair Sprague- Notified the commission that the summer heat's really starting to get to their sensory system. It got so bad today while they were working that their supervisor told them to go home just because of his condition. Reminding everyone to take heed and stay cool as the weather is getting hotter and hotter
- Commissioner Creighton- Mentioned that when information is received from Old Town Books about their social media outreach about the display that they're going to do for Disability Pride Month, Commissioner Creighton will forward the information to Delante. And just as a reminder to ask if everyone could do some sharing on their own social media. As far as libraries, only the Beatley branch is participating. Commissioner Creighton hasn't gotten any other information that other branches are. But again, if that information is received, Commissioner Creighton will send it through Delante to forward.
- Commissioner Weiss: Commissioner Weiss asked Chair Prince about the status of a letter and was informed that the letter had been signed and sent off. Chair Prince notified the commission that whenever there's a letter from the commission it technically must be signed by the Chair.
- Chair Prince: Chair Prince notified the commission that in addition to the letter that Commissioner Weiss inquired about all the letters to the winners of the scholarship and the awards have their letters and have been notified.
- Commissioner Loelius: Commissioner Loelius has been seeing a lot of information about ARHA and different affordable housing actions that are going on in the city, and didn't know how tuned in the commission is with those, and kind of making sure that those housing developments have appropriate accessibility features.
- Commissioner Dixon- Commissioner Dixon reached out to Tamara Jovic regarding becoming the liaison for the AHAAC. Commissioner Dixon had been interested in the position for a while but had another liaison. Commissioner Dixon was nominated by Chief Prince for the AHAAC liaison position
- Commissioner Radt: None

- Commissioner Fitzsimmons: None
- Commissioner Ludke: None
- Commissioner Lewis: None

10. **Adjournment**

Chair Prince motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jacob. All Commissioners present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2025, and it will be held at 7:00 p.m., City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2000, Chet and Sabra Avery Room.