

April 20, 2023

Seattle Disability Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioners present: **Silas James, Shelby Dey, Kristina Sawyckyj, Kaitlin Skilton, Taylor Woods, April Snow & Jessica Lo**

Absent: Dawn Dailey,

Leave of Absence: Devon Breithart

Captioner: **Eva**

Call to Order: 4:04 pm

Autumn and Holly Seattle ADA Title II:

Services to the public, ADA program did a self-evaluation process, created programs to overcome limits.

Some highlights:

- City employees have access to ADA 10 modules.
- Customer service looking at removing 14,000 barriers, 2,000 removed.

- Public inquiries: about ADA, this team resolves the issues or make referrals.
- Event: Global Accessibility Conference May 18, 2023.
- Contact information ADA Title II Compliance Program Email: adacoordinator@seattle.gov
- Roll Call / Commissioner introductions

April Snow arrived and announced that he will help with interviewing new commissioners. She will need to resign due to family issues later month.

- *Your comments on this Disability Justice Principle:*

Disability Justice #3: ANTI-CAPITALIST POLITIC

In an economy that sees land and humans as components of profit, we are anti-capitalist by the nature of having non-conforming body/minds.

Welcome OCR staff

Welcome Public / Comment

Interaction Agreements

Universal Design for example CART, 22 size font, etc.

Co-Chair Updates

- As commission how to increase our capacity do the work necessary?
 - Commissioners expectation is 10-15 hours per month
- Met with NPR journalist, “How COVID changed things for people with disabilities?”
 - Contact Silas to give feedback
- Appointment of Director SOCR
 - Derek Wheeler, new Director. Kristina was present for his appointment.
- Update on Opposition to Sweeps & DC Law 24-172 Human Rights Enhancement Amendment Act of 2022. Call for collaborators
 - Human Rights Enhancement Act
 - Drafting bills not best of time
 - Build coalitions, petitions, etc. instead

OCR Updates

- Commission Budget reminders
 - Annually \$2000
 - Stipends for speakers was approved and funds may want to be used for events.
- Next 5 co-chair meeting May 10th 5:30 pm
- New commissioners' orientation 4/27 5:30 – 7:30 Hybrid/City Hall
- Devon to begin leave of absence. Legal department has clarified that for all who are on leave, are count for quorum
- Please give the OCR Commission team your experience and feedback how they can support you through this survey:
<https://forms.office.com/g/FF0KhWeuZg>

Approval of Minutes

- March 2023 Minutes
 - Shelby motioned, Jessica second, Shelby called for vote, approved unanimously

Revisit Work Plan

Silas shared his thoughts on the work groups. This is a productive way to invest the 10-15 hours per month commitment. Work groups can include non-commission folks.

- Advocacy
- Transportation
- Employment/Education

Other tasks

- Outreach and Recruitment:
- Potential things to ask of the mayor

Taylor volunteered to focus on communication from the commission to the community and to connect the commission with groups and resources.

The work groups identified who will schedule a meeting of the group prior to the May 18th Commission meeting.

Education/Employment: Shelby will schedule and invite Jessica and Taylor

Advocacy: Silas will schedule and invite Kaitlin and Taylor

Transportation: **Kristina lead** this work group **yet Jessica** offered to schedule, include Shelby, Silas and Taylor.

Janet will use teams to get everyone connected and key contact information.

Time 5:50-6:00

Co-chairs

Closing Comments & Adjournment

Silas recommended considering enforcing the attendance rules of the commission.

Taylor suggests adherence to bylaws is a good idea. Identify barriers to attendance and find ways to remove them.

Shelby adjourned the meeting 6:04 pm

Member of public

Michele (she/her),
Meagan,

Elle (she/they),

Jayson,

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/adaac>