

June 15, 2023 - 4pm-6pm

Seattle Disability Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in attendance: Silas James, Shelby Dey, Kaitlin Skilton, Dawn Dailey, Jessica Lo

Commissioners not in attendance:
Kristina Sawyckyj & Taylor Woods

Nominated Commissioner: Michele Kauffman
Leave of Absence: Devon Breithart

Time 4:05-4:25

Topic

- Call to Order Shelby
- Roll Call / Commissioner introductions Silas
 - 1 minute: Name and pronoun
 - Your comments on this Disability Justice Principle

Disability Justice Principle 4- COMMITMENT TO CROSS-MOVEMENT ORGANIZING

Shifting how social justice movements understand disability and contextualize ableism, disability justice lends itself to politics of alliance.

Welcome OCR staff: Meredith, Janet, and Tracy
Members of the Public: Marcel, Jayson

- Welcome Public Silas
 - Name, pronoun, what brought you here today?
 - Silas offered to have the commission review Jayson's proposed Resolution on the history of Disability rights in education.
- Interaction Agreements, each co-chair read an agreement.
- Universal Design Silas
 - CART, 22 size font, Silas suggested to notify if needs are not being met.

Time 4:25-4:35

Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Updates

- Co-chair seat open Co-Chairs
- Update from Planning Commission (Silas), Women's Commission is later this month.

Time 4:35-4:55

Committee updates

Transportation: review transportation documents, contact project managers, hoping for another meeting before the next commission meeting.

- **Wheelchair charging stations:** Seattle Center Armory is ready to move ahead to schedule a site visit to explore wheelchair access, charging stations and expenses. The commission asks Janet to contact Kristina to set up a tour later in June. If that is not possible, the tour might need to happen after August.
- Janet will check in with CJ Glen from the Seattle Public Library about wheelchair charging stations.

Education and employment:

- Request Janet for help in research to get information about a City of Seattle program to hire people with intellectual disabilities, through Parks and Recs. Hard to find updated information online.
- How HR supports accessibility for job applications
- Information about Federal government program: “Schedule A” priority hiring for people with disabilities.
- Shelby will include Janet and Kaitlin in the next committee meeting. Kaitlin has a personal interest in contacting DVR.

Advocacy:

- Prioritize people with disability who have passion to connect and advocate for disability rights
- Hoping to create a letter to policy makers to advocate, see committee notes on Teams. Silas

Time 4:55 - 5:05

OCR

OCR Updates, Janet

- Get Engage update, seat is open. This is a 1 year term commission seat, and there is one applicant to interview. Jessica will join Janet for the interview. This seat opens Sept 2023 – August 2024.
- **Connectivity issues, clarify needs:** OCR acknowledges the length of time to resolve commissions requests for accessibility in addition to having in person meeting space. Seeking additional support from Seattle IT department. Please contact Tracy if you have access needs above physical present, internet bandwidth, hotspots or even devices.
 - Commissioners who want to join have scheduling conflicts, hard getting people to show up in person, hence other reviewing other options for participation

- Brainstorm with Commissioners thoughts on recruitment, presented to the 5 co-chairs, interns will support recruitment strategies.
 - develop flyer, excel document with contact information, i.e., Education Departments of Universities or other institutions.
 - Ms. Wheelchair WA, wants to have an event to get people connected, will provide date and time later, could be a good networking event and help recruit for SDC
- DVR offices could be places for flyers.
 - DVR counselors would have contacts.
- Janet: please review bylaws to determine how many commissioners can participate without disabilities?

Time 5:05 - 5:10

Co-Chairs

Approval of Minutes

- April 2023 Minutes, Silas moved, Shelby 2nd, approved by all.

Time 5:10-5:30

Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Nomination & Vote

- Co-Chair expectations, Silas summarized, 10-15 hours per month, important to show up for meetings, make decisions about what goes to commission, be a representative of SDC
- Requests of nominations or self-nominations? None were made.
- Current nominations received: **Jessica Lo**
- Other nominations/self-nomination: none
- Remarks by nominees, Jessica comments: has passion for this commission, has lived experience, wants to continue committee work, wants to see improvement, and see broader participation.
- Vote, Silas moved to approve Jessica to replace April's co-chair term, which will end Dec 31, 2023. Dawn Second. **Roll call taken. 5 in favor. Vote passed.** Jessica Lo was confirmed as co-chair.

Notes from May

No corrections were made. Since quorum was not held, these notes do not get approved as minutes.

Time 5:30-5:55

Co-chairs

Commitment to cross-movement organizing.

What other commissions, unions, political action committees, self-advocacy organizations are people willing to reach out and engage with, and commit to attend those meetings?

Closing Comments & Adjournment

Jessica moved to adjourn the meeting.