

# Minutes

## Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting

### February 5, 2024

Minutes of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS held on Monday, February 4, 2024, 6:30 p.m., held both In-Person & Virtually: Tempe Public Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 3500 South Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282 & Microsoft Teams at the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or by telephone: (480) 498-8745, United States, Phoenix (Toll), Conference ID: 762 995 762#

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Kathy Jefferson (Chair)  
Rachel Gomez (Vice Chair)  
Irene Mochel  
Krista Smiley  
Pat McNamara  
Genevieve Vega  
Steven Tokos

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jacob Bunch

**City Staff Present:**

Dr. Velicia McMillan Humes, Chief Diversity Officer  
Elena Hale, Cultural Programs & Public Education Coordinator

**Guests**

None

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Jefferson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Welcome To New Commissioners**

Commissioners Vega, Tokos, Smiley, and McNamara introduced themselves to the commission. Commissioners Jefferson, Gomez, and Mochel introduced themselves to the new commissioners.

**Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Gomez requested changes be made to the minutes regarding the commissioners involvement in the updating of the LEAP program. Motion was made by Commissioner Gomez to approve the minutes, Commissioner Mochel seconded.

**Agenda Item 4 – All Abilities Awards Event Discussion**

- Commissioner Gomez gave a background of the event for new commissioners, Elena brought up the video of last years event to give visuals. Elena noted that she would send the link of this video to the commissioners.
- Commissioners reviewed the nomination form, marketing pieces, and discussed a plan to go to the schools to garner interest. Elena will send out a list of schools to the commissioners following the meeting.
- Commissioners discussed the awards for each recipient and suggested that each recipient receive a trophy.
- Commissioners discussed feedback with the venue such as uneven floors, and it being dark inside. Elena will speak with the venue during her tour.
- The Commission discussed roles for day of the event and suggested the following:
  - o Registration
    - One table will be utilized for award recipients and will be staffed by Commissioner Gomez and Commissioner Tokos.
    - Another table will be utilized for attendees and will be staffed by Commissioners Vega and Mochel.
  - o Programs & Greeting
    - Commissioners Smiley and Bunch will welcome all into the space and hand out programs.
  - o Floaters
    - Commissioner McNamara will float around the space welcoming people and helping them along the way. Additional floaters may be necessary.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Accelerated 3.13 Performance Plan Update**

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#### **Agenda Item 6 – Proposed Future Agenda Items**

Commissioner Gomez inquired about Samantha Mason attending the upcoming March meeting to discuss the LEAP program. Elena agreed to touch-base with Dr. Humes to schedule the meeting and follow up with Commissioners Jefferson and Gomez directly.

It was requested that the March meeting include the Mayors All-Abilities event discussion to give updates on the progress of the event.

It was suggested that the 3.13 agenda item be moved to the March date, as well.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Date – March 4, 2024**

- Continue conversation regarding the Mayor’s All-Abilities Event
- Invite Samantha Mason for a check-in on the progress of the expansion of the LEAP program.

**Motion made by Commissioner Gomez to adjourn the meeting**

**Second by Commissioner Vega**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**