

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MEETING MINUTES
June 7th, 2021
Virtual (WebEx)**

MEMBERS PRESENT (via Webex):

Alex Scholtz
Dia Erpenbeck
Donna Fox
Jon Pilbean
Verna Goatly
Rachel Roarx (proxy for Nicole George D-21)
Amy Verst
CM Scott Reed (D-16)
BJ Levis
Dave Marchal
Sarah Teeters

Community Members Present

Larry Sloan
Regina Ostertag
Carrie Butler (TARC Executive Director)

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00PM by Alex Scholtz**
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. GENERAL UPDATES**
 - a. Alex reminded everyone that consistent attendance is key to the success of the Commission.
 - b. Kendall will be sending out text reminders to all Commission members on the day of meetings.
 - c. Continue to look at metro boards emails for updates.
 - d. Commission members running off as of December 2021.
 - i. BJ Levis, Alex Scholtz
 - ii. Please reach out to Sarah if interested in re-appointment.
 - e. The website has been updated to include a link for citizen comments, meeting dates, and a request for the virtual meeting link.
- IV. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - a. **Transportation (Provided by Dia)**- Has not met yet; Carrie Butler, TARC Executive Director, coming on to meeting at 430pm to discuss updates. Scott and Regina will be joining this sub-committee.
 - b. **Housing & Visitability (Provided by Dave)** -Has not met yet.

- c. **Employment (Provided by Alex)**-Has met; goals include business/employer consulting on disability awareness. Support for employees. Expand availability to trainings for providers. Education and awareness of disability benefits for employees (CWIC, LADDER etc)
- d. **Public Spaces/Events (Provided by BJ and Jon)**-Has met; 3-4 community members are interested in joining group. BJ had worked previously on a taskforce, suggested looking through old meeting minutes for relevant work and ideas. Also, the possibility of finding additional sub-committee members from old taskforce attendees.
- e. **Education & Awareness (Provided by Donna)**-Has not met yet; Young Empowered Self-Advocates group has some members interested in joining Sub-Committee. Donna Suggested adding several training exercises to Education/Awareness goals and outreach.
- f. **General Update (Provided by Alex)**- Each sub-committee should set relevant goals of their choosing. Alex suggested planning goals and expectations as soon as possible.

V. Carrie Butler (TARC Executive Director)

- a. TARC has been working on improvements to governance structure and board of directors. Created 4 sub-committees (Finance, strategic planning/Technology, Human Resources, Customer service)
- b. TAAC declined to join the Customer Service Sub-Committee
- c. TARC working/having discussions with the Metro Disability Coalition (they have asked for the end of the contract with MV transportation)
- d. TARC is committed to hearing from customers, riders, advocates and activists about safety and accessibility.
- e. Anticipated Re-opening plans from Governor Andy Beshear may change capacity limits and ride restrictions. Please be prepared for some change.
- f. COA-Comprehensive Operations Analysis-Presented to the Board of Directors.
 - i. Route Optimizations
 - ii. Expand on-demand zones and increase high- frequency service.
 - iii. 4 New Anticipated Projects-Evaluate/improved route 23; Create Micro-transit in on-demand zones (like office parks); Evaluate/improve Muhammad Ali corridor; Increase access to multiple counties and regional areas for job/connectedness (southern Indiana, bullitt co etc)
- g. Questions-CM Scott Reed (D-16)-Is the culture at TARC improving after the report was release? How are morale, relationships, drivers etc?
 - i. Not able to speak about Metro Investigation; TARC report finished an internal report in the fall. Several new hires/positions have been added to make improvements.
 - ii. Hiring/staffing has been an issue. Hiring event was held 6/11/21. TARC is looking for ways to improve on-boarding/training process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Larry- how often does commission meet? (1 time per month, the first Monday at 4pm)
- b. Larry-are the bylaws, purpose, vision statement all listed on webpage? (not sure, will check with Sarah)

VII. NEXT Meeting

Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, August 2nd , 2021 from 4:00pm-5:00pm via Webex Virtual Platform.

All future meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Meetings will continue to be held via Virtual Platform and recorded until public health lifts restrictions on public gatherings.