

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT  
COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 7<sup>th</sup> , 2022  
Virtual (WebEx)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT (via Webex):**

Sarah Teeters  
Alli Woosley  
Michael Meeks (interim Chief of Equity)  
Scott Reed-D16  
Dia Erpenbeck  
Donna Fox  
Jon Pilbean  
Verna Goatley  
Steve Hendricks  
Dave Marchal  
Greg Willett  
Nicole George-D-21  
Lauren Mountz  
Steven Michael Carr

**Community Members Present**

Larry Sloan  
Regina Ostertag  
Chuck Rogers  
David Allgood  
Tihisha Rawlins  
Carrie Butler

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00PM by Donna.**
- II. INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. MEETING MINUTES**
  - a. February 2022 minutes are posted online. Motion to approve minutes was made.
- IV. COMMISSION APPOINTEE UPDATES**
  - a. The Commission has 4 open positions currently.
- V. TARC Updates (provided by Carrie Butler, TARC Executive Director)**
  - a. Monthly reports are provided at the TARC Board Meetings and TAAC meetings.

- b. A new manager has been hired to manage the paratransit service. MV has increased starting wages, offered bonuses and utilized a recruiter to help with low staffing. New subcontractors will begin soon
- c. Carrie Butler stated that the labor market is still very tight and highly competitive for certain positions.

**VI. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- a. A poll was launched approve Dia Erpenbeck as the new Chair of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
- b. Dave M agreed to be the chair of the Housing and Visitability Sub-committee.
- c. Donna F agreed to be the chair of the Education and Awareness Sub-committee.
- d. Dia E agreed to be the chair of the Transportation Sub-committee.
- e. Chairs are still needed for the Employment & Public Spaces/Events Sub-committees.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. David A thanked TARC for their update and service. Some surrounding rural counties do not have paratransit services.
- b. Chuck R thanked TARC for wages increases.
- c. Larry S thanked TARC for hiring Bruce Withers, new MV/Paratransit manager. Larry feels like Bruce has made some positive changes and he feels like TARC is gaining positive momentum.
- d. Dia E inquired about the TARC website. It was not functioning properly. Dia also stated that she was thankful for TARC's responses to recent questions from the Commission.
- e. Larry S inquired if the Regional Mobility Council would resume in the future.

**VIII. NEXT Meeting**

Proposed next meeting to be held Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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.