

Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting: Friday, October 29, 2021

Start time: 10:00am

End time: 10:32am

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members Participating Remotely	
1	Charles Carr - Disability Policy Consortium
2	Representative Denise Garlick - House of Representatives
3	Nancy Garr-Colzie - Member, Worcester Disability Commission; Board Chair, Center for Living & Working
4	Andrew Levrault - Disabled Persons Protection Commission
5	Ann Lynch - Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
6	Oswald Mondejar - Spaulding Rehabilitation Network (MGB)
7	Representative Mathew Muratore - House of Representatives
8	Bridget Murphy - Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin
9	Kathy Petkauskus - University of Massachusetts Medical School
10	Nancy Rumbolt-Trzcinski - Massachusetts Statewide Independent Living Council
11	Paul Spooner - Metrowest Center for Independent Living
12	Kerry Thompson - Silent Rhythms Inc. / Disability Rights Fund
13	Liz Zelnick - Office of the Massachusetts State Treasurer
Members Not Present	
	Gyasi Burks-Abbott - Developmental Disabilities Council
	Representative Gerard Cassidy - House of Representatives
	Representative Kay Khan - House of Representatives
	Felix Martinez
	Senator Patrick O'Connor - Massachusetts Senate
	Angela Ortiz - Massachusetts Pediatric Home Nursing Campaign
	Dan Shannon - MA Developmental Disabilities Council
	Christopher White - Road To Responsibility, Inc. (RTR)

Proceedings

I. Welcome, Roll Call, and Approval of 10/20/21 Meeting Minutes – 10:00am

- a. Representative Garlick welcomed Commission members to the second meeting of the Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. Rep. Garlick explained the accessibility: ASL interpreters were on the Zoom call, CART services were available, and the meeting was being livestreamed on malegislature.gov for public viewing.
- b. Roll call was called with 13 members present (see table on page 1).
- c. Representative Muratore motioned to accept the meeting minutes; Charlie Carr seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes among those present.

- d. Representative Garlick provided an overview of the proposed ARPA spending bill, H.4219, not yet engrossed by House of Representatives (Note: Legislation has since been signed into law as [Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021](#)).

II. Review of Values Statements – 10:11am

- a. Chair Garlick presented the final version of the Values Statements, as discussed in previous meetings.
- b. Commissioners echoed the need for examining how to improve and evaluate existing programs and the need to provide funding for individuals with disabilities.
- c. Chair Garlick added that there was funding in the budget and ARPA for people with disabilities and the Commission can help see the whole picture.
- d. The Commission agreed that it will consider ways to share materials and information on the Commission in different languages in order to improve access.

III. Review of Annual Report – 10:27am

- a. Chair Garlick discussed the draft annual report that had been shared publicly beforehand. Chair Garlick will file the report with the appropriate bodies on behalf of the commission members, as required by the enabling statute. The submission of annual report allows the commission to move forward with goals.
- b. The report will be available publicly on the Commission's webpage: <https://malegislature.gov/Commissions/Detail/567/Documents>

IV. Adjournment – 10:32am

- a. Charlie Carr motioned to adjourn; Paul Spooner seconded. Motion was unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 10:32am.