

**Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
Disability Employment Subcommittee Meeting
Meeting Agenda**

Date of Meeting: Monday, April 28, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Virtual [Registration Form for Zoom Link](#)

This is a meeting of the **Disability Employment Subcommittee** of the permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. This subcommittee will collect data and analyze initiatives that increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in private employment and in state government. Steve and bill

Agenda

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Meeting Minutes Approval
2. Inspirational Quote by Mary Kay Ash provided by Lexi Semanchik:

“Aerodynamically the bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumblebee doesn't know that so it goes on flying anyway.”
3. Navigating Employment Obstacles: The Experience of Veterans with Disabilities
Presentation by Kelly A. Durkee-Erwin, Veterans CARE, IPS Employment Services, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; joined by Steven Croteau Director, Veterans Bonus Division Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General and William Kalivas, Treasury Specialist, Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, Office of the State Treasurer and Receiver General
4. Employment Program for Young Adults with Disabilities Overview Presentation by Aadil Sulaiman, Vice President, Youth & Justice Programs and Kayla Kayla Johnson, Youth and Justice Cross program Manager at Commonwealth Corporation
5. Elevating Youth and Young Adults Voices: Disability, Employment, and Inclusive Workplaces event update
6. Adjournment

Remaining 2025 Meeting Dates

- May (tentative)
- August 25
- November 17

Meeting Materials:

- February 2025 Meeting Minutes
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Presentation
- Commonwealth Corporation Presentation

Meeting information:

- Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom webinar
- Please fill out [this registration form](#) for the Zoom link
- Audience members may participate by submitting their contact information, questions, and comments using the Zoom Q&A feature. Please note that Commission staff will follow up with you after the meeting.
- Live stream link <https://malegislature.gov/Commissions/Detail/567/Hearings>
- ASL and CART interpretation services have been requested.
- CART URL: <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=StatehouseADA>
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