

**Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
Long-Term Services & Supports and Health Equity Subcommittee
Meeting Agenda**

Date of Meeting: Monday, August 31, 2026

Time: 11am to 12pm

Virtual [Registration Form for Zoom Link](#)

This is a meeting of the **Long-Term Services & Supports and Health Equity Subcommittee** of the permanent Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. The Long-Term Services & Supports and Health Equity Subcommittee will collect and analyze data, conduct research, and evaluate initiatives that impact the accessibility, quality, and sustainability of LTSS for individuals with disabilities in Massachusetts. As part of its mission, the subcommittee will encourage research institutions and organizations to meaningfully involve people with disabilities in the design and implementation of their studies. The subcommittee will assess how policy changes, funding decisions, and health equity efforts affect service availability, with a particular focus on reducing disparities in healthcare access and advancing equitable, person-centered care. Through collaboration with key stakeholders, the subcommittee will identify service gaps, highlight best practices, and promote evidence-based policy discussions that protect and expand LTSS resources.

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1. Welcome, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes
2. Healthcare Access Presentation by Dr. Jill Pineda, licensed clinical psychologist at the Lurie Center for Autism and a clinical instructor at Harvard Medical School
3. Adjournment

2026 Meeting Dates

- November 16, 2026

Meeting Materials:

- [May 2026 minutes](#)
- Dr. Jill Pineda Presentation (TBD)

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](#)
- ASL and CART interpretation services have been requested.
- CART URL: [Link to CART URL](#)
- For accessibility requests and other questions, contact Imene Bouziane Saidi at imene.bouzianesaidi@mass.gov

Stay Updated and Upcoming Events:

- We are still accepting self-nominations from inclusive employers as part of 2026 National Disability Employment Awareness Month! Self-nominate here: [link to form](#).
- Register to attend the 2026 National Disability Employment Awareness Month on October 7 at the MA State House or on Zoom here: [learn more and register!](#)
- To receive updates from the Commission, members of the public can sign up here: [sign up to receive Commission news!](#)
- To view details from previous meetings, visit the Commission's website [here!](#)