

# **Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities**

## **Disability Employment Subcommittee Meeting**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, May 22, 2023

**Time:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Zoom Webinar Registration Link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_cDqeMS8gRf6PrwR5r0NWCg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cDqeMS8gRf6PrwR5r0NWCg)

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.

### **Agenda:**

1. Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions
2. Inspirational Quote
  - a. “I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.” by Ralph Braunby, provided by Representative Muratore.
3. Guest speaker Becky Curran Kekula, Senior Director, Disability Equality Index at Disability:IN
4. Signature Event Discussion: focus plan on employment
5. Continue Review Subcommittee Priorities and Establish Next Steps
  - a. Review/Discuss WorkAbility Report remaining priorities:

- Remove physical/technical barriers to employment
- Set new disability hiring goals in state contracting
- Mitigate "cliff effect" with benefits management resources
- Establish state house internship program for persons with disabilities with MRC
- Plan self-identification PSA campaign
- 6. Announcements from Subcommittee Members
- 7. Adjournment

### **Meeting information:**

- Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and livestreamed for the public at <https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/4541>
- CART service will be available embedded in Zoom with captions and through a separate URL: <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=StatehouseADA>
- ASL interpreters will be spotlighted.
- For accessibility requests and other questions, contact Imene Bouziane Saidi at [Imene.BouzianeSaidi@mass.gov](mailto:Imene.BouzianeSaidi@mass.gov)

### **Meeting Documents (attached and linked)**

- Disability Index DEI Presentation  
<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2023/05/14/DEI%20MA%20Presentation%20DISABILITY%20INDEX.pdf>
- WorkAbility Report Suggestions Trackers  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_4mOrvC9clINJPvqupyCgJXE47yvfnlz/edit#gid=330415400](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_4mOrvC9clINJPvqupyCgJXE47yvfnlz/edit#gid=330415400)
- The Grid  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_4mOrvC9clINJPvqupyCgJXE47yvfnlz/edit#gid=330415400](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_4mOrvC9clINJPvqupyCgJXE47yvfnlz/edit#gid=330415400)

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