

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025**

7:00 P.M., City Hall  
301 King Street, Chet & Sabre Avery Room 2000

**Members Present**

Megan Prince, Chair  
Alex Sprague, Vice Chair  
Deanne McNulty  
Robbi Woodson  
Rachel Dixon  
Shannon Loelius  
Sarah Radt

**City Staff Present**

Delante Wade  
Tamara Jovovic

**Members Excused**

Alex Radt

**Members Absent**

Donna Spencer  
Michael Weiss

**Call to Order by Chair Prince**

Chair Prince called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion by Chair Prince, seconded by Commissioner Loelius, the Agenda was approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

**Approval of Minutes of the November Meeting**

Upon a motion by Chair Prince, seconded by Vice Chair Sprague, the November meeting minutes were approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

**Public Comment**

None

**Chair's Report**

Chair Prince attended the City Council meeting with the Human Rights Commission to accept the Human Rights Month Proclamation. Mayor Gaskins and Councilman Aguirre were tapped to be on Governor Spanberger's transition team. Mayor Gaskins will be working on the Tenant Housing Committee and requested feedback during the meeting. The first draft of the 2025

Legislative Package was discussed, and attendees were notified that a public comment session was set for 12/13/25.

The Civilian Oversight Board is up and running. The Board has a new Memorandum of Understanding, and a new auditor was confirmed last May. There is also a new case management system for reporting interactions with police officers.

Three individuals were confirmed at the meeting and will be joining the ACPD in January 2026.

### **Guest Speaker**

Tamara Jovovic, Housing Program Manager, Office of Housing

A presentation was given by the Office of Housing on the City's 2040 Housing Master Plan. The housing master plan establishes a vision, goals, tools and policy recommendations to address community housing needs. The Housing 2040 principles will advance Alexandria's social, economic, cultural, racial and generational diversity by increasing access to housing options affordable at a variety of price points across its neighborhoods; support housing stability and create opportunities to grow generational wealth across its communities; ensure housing is built and maintained to support resident health, safety, and wellbeing; leverage City resources through creative public-private partnerships, collaboration with anchor institutions, innovative financing approaches, and inclusive stakeholder engagement; contribute to City land use, economic development, transportation, sustainability, climate action and public health goals; and prepare for City's current and future housing needs and changing demographics.

Guided by its principles, The Housing 2040 strategies should: expand housing options that are affordable and accessible to households at all income levels, life stages and abilities; preserve committed affordable and market-rate rental housing where habitability and affordability commitments can be secured; strengthen tenant protections and resources; create new committed affordable rental housing, with investment focused on housing affordable to households with incomes at 60% of the area median income and below; expand committed affordable homeownership opportunities; strengthen existing common interest/condominium communities; support more options for seniors and persons with disabilities to live within the city; enhance housing quality, safety, and livability to support resident health and wellbeing; empower residents with the resources to attain housing stability and economic mobility; improve energy efficiency in existing housing, and advance green building, climate action and other sustainability goals in new residential development.

### **Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee:** Would like to get more benches at bus stops for riders, including riders with disabilities who may need to sit while waiting for the bus (DASH and Metro).

**Legislative Committee:** Chair Prince proposed that instead of having one member of the Commission being responsible for keeping an eye on relevant laws, the Commission should have a group of individuals who help put together the legislative package every summer. All members present agreed to change the direction of the Legislative Committee.

**Housing Committee:** None

**Accessibility-Friendly Businesses Committee:** Commissioner McNulty provided an update on the accessibility meeting that was held at VA Tech. There were representatives from VA Tech, Visit Alexandria, Historic Alexandria, DOT and several other groups. Visit Alexandria's presentation focused on accessibility in hospitality. VA Tech's presentation focused on visual accessibility and tools/technology that can be used to assist individuals with visual disabilities. The Commission suggested following up with Visit Alexandria to connect with them further and possibly have them present at a meeting in the future.

**Board of Architectural Review Committee:** Commissioner Radt and Commissioner Loelius attended the last Board of Architectural Review meeting. Commissioner Radt and Commissioner Loelius provided the Board of Architectural Review with a lot of feedback regarding the Accessibility Chapter of the Design Guidelines. Commissioner Radt provided the Commission with draft copies of the Accessibility Chapter of the Design Guidelines, and the documents were discussed, revised and voted in favor of by all Commissioners. The Commission will continue to work on finalizing document.

**Human Rights Committee:** Received the Human Rights Month Proclamation last night at the City Council meeting. Sheriff Casey will be meeting with the HRC next week to discuss his cooperation with ICE.

**Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee:** Commissioner Dixon will draft a letter providing the Office of Housing with ACPD follow-up information on the 2040 Master Housing Plan presentations.

**Alexandria Commission on Aging:** None

**Alexandria Chamber of Commerce:** None

### **Member Reports**

**Commissioner Sprague:** Last month Sheriff Casey attended former Delegate Levine's monthly meetup. During the meetup Commissioner Sprague notified Sheriff Casey that they had concern that ICE could've used the information that was discussed with him regarding autism and now ICE could possibly be using sensory overloading techniques to torture autistic detainees.

Two new Senate Bills have been introduced which Commissioner Sprague believes will be beneficial to autistic individuals. Senate Bill 61, Nationally Certified School Psychologist Program and Senate Bill 33, which focuses on programs for at-risk students and outlines permissible uses for funding to support their educational needs.

**Commissioner Radt:** Commissioner Radt attended a conference for the American Council of the Blind of Virginia and met with someone from the National Industries of the Blind who would like to come and speak with the ACPD.

Commissioner Radt notified the Commission that she is working with several different organizations to provide the city with feedback regarding WCAG compliance. Commissioner Radt will provide Delante with the feedback that she has received so far.

**Chair Prince:** Chair Prince is still involved with the Mental Health Coalition but was unable to attend the last meeting. Will keep the Commission updated as appropriate.

**Commissioner Woodson:** Melwood Inc. has secured property on Braddock Street. Melwood Inc. will eventually be running a day program at the newly acquired location.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Prince motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Radt. All Commissioners present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2025, and it will be held at 7:00 p.m., Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Gold Room 2.