

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026**

7:00 P.M., Lee Center  
1108 Jefferson Street, Conference Room 2

**Members Present**

Megan Prince, Chair  
Alex Sprague, Vice Chair  
Rachel Dixon  
Shannon Loelius  
Sarah Radt  
Alex Radt  
Michael Weiss  
Donna Spencer  
Chasen Thoennes  
Brendan Conn

**City Staff Present**

Delante Wade  
Paul Valenti

**Members Excused**

Robbi Woodson  
Maureen Mullen

**Members Absent**

Deanne McNulty

**Call to Order by Chair Prince**

Chair Prince called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Introduction of ACPD Commissioners**

ACPD Commissioners introduced. Two new ACPD Commissioners were introduced.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes of the December Meeting**

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

**Public Comment**

Curt Moser, Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation- Notified the ACPD that the ADA accessible kayak ramp at Four Mile Run has been completed and there will be a grand opening in the spring. In the future they will be offering adaptive paddling programs.

Laura Kim, ENDependence Center of Northern VA- Notified the ACPD that she has been working with the VA Health Department and has been involved in the work regarding their mental health community improvement plan. Also notified the ACPD that she is a member of the para dragon boat paddling team in DC.

### **Chair's Report**

The bench at the bus stop near the Chair's residence has been replaced as a result of her call to Alex 311.

Last month Chair and Vice Chair decided they would come forth to the Commission and propose to send a letter of support to the City Council in regard to their recent statements about not supporting Sheriff Casey's coordination with ICE. Chair Prince verbally shared a draft of potential letter. Upon a motion by Chair Prince, seconded by Vice Chair Sprague, the letter with edits were approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

Paul Valenti, Director, Office Human Rights- Introduced finalized "Disability Accessibility and Historic Properties" brochure to ACPD. Notified Commissioners that the brochure should be used as an informational and educational tool for the public at large. If anyone believes a business isn't compliant, a complaint can be filed with the Alexandria Office of Human Rights.

### **Guest Speaker**

Sean Curry, Virginia Department of Health- Mr. Curry provided the ACPD with a follow-up presentation on the Alexandria Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). This presentation was focused on mental health and wellness in Alexandria. The ACPD provided Mr. Curry with valuable feedback which will be used to help improve the CHIP. Copies of Mr. Curry's PowerPoint presentation and additional information were provided to the ACPD.

### **Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee:** As discussed earlier, providing letter to the City Council, re: not supporting Sheriff Casey's cooperation with ICE.

Proposal to have ACPD monthly meetings moved to a new location based on the configuration of Conference Room 2 at the Lee Center.

**Legislative Committee:** None

**Housing Committee:** None

**Accessibility-Friendly Businesses Committee:** None

**Board of Architectural Review Committee:** None

**Human Rights Committee:** Mark Levine participated in the last meeting. Mr. Levine notified the HRC that if anyone notices ICE in a location and you believe that they aren't acting lawfully, you should call the police, and the police will supervise them and arrest them if necessary.

**Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee:** Commissioner Dixon presented a draft copy of the ACPD's Housing 2040 Preservation feedback letter for the Office of Housing. Edits to the letter were provided by Commissioners. Upon a motion by Chair Prince, seconded by Commissioner Radt, the letter was approved with edits. All Commissioners present voted aye.

**Alexandria Commission on Aging:** None

**Alexandria Chamber of Commerce:** None

### **Action Item**

**Virginia House Bill 671:** VA HB 671 is currently up for review to have its language amended to the following: "provides that no person shall be deemed incompetent to serve on any jury on the basis of disability if the person would otherwise be competent to serve if provided with reasonable accommodation." Upon a motion by Commissioner Radt, seconded by Vice Chair Sprague, support for the bill amendment was approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

### **Member Reports**

**Vice Chair Sprague:** Support for legislation that allows students who are neurodivergent, to have more of a choice between choosing counseling and therapy. Looking forward to other legislations that provides other therapies for aforementioned individuals.

**Commissioner A. Radt:** None

**Commissioner Weiss:** Met with Vice Mayor and Para-transit office. Was able to help a friend who is on dialysis and on crutches resolve a para-transit issue.

**Commissioner Dixon:** Rare Disease Week is February 24-26, 2026. It is free and being hosted by the Rare Disease Legislative Advocates, EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases. Register online.

**Commissioner Loelius:** Heads up for a number of different lobbying events coming up in Richmond, VA, in the coming weeks.

**Commissioner Thoennes:** None

**Commissioner Conn:** None

**Commissioner S. Radt:** Will be travelling to Richmond, VA, to speak with representatives regarding electronic ballot return for individuals with visual disabilities and print disabilities. Will also be advocating for the use of Waymo (autonomous vehicles) in VA.

Commissioner Radt will forward to the Commission an appeal she received from a girl scout member, whose mother is low vision and will be putting forward a petition to ask legislators to insist that steps in VA be marked with high visibility edging.

**Commissioner Turner:** Notified the Commission that she will be traveling with the National Federation of the Blind to participate in the Silver Bells retreat on March 19- 22, 2026. As of last week, there were a few tickets left if any Commissioners are interested.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Prince motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Radt. All Commissioners present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2026, and it will be held at 7:00 p.m., Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Gold Room 2.