

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

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

Members Present

Megan Prince, Chair
Alex Sprague, Vice Chair
Alex Radt
Rachel Dixon
Shannon Loelius
Huayra Forster

City Staff Present

Delante Wade
Sean Curry

Members Excused

Deanne McNulty
Robbi Woodson
Howard Weiss
Donna Spencer

Members Absent

Robert Ludke

Call to Order by Chair Prince

Chair Prince called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Quorum was established at 8:30 p.m. Upon a motion by Vice Chair Sprague, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, the Agenda was approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

Approval of Minutes of the October Meeting

Quorum was established at 8:30 p.m. Upon a motion by Vice Chair Sprague, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, the October meeting minutes were approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

Public Comment

Sarah Radt stated that she will be joining the ACPD soon. Notified the Commission that she found out late that Virginia Tech and Visit Alexandria hosted a workshop focused on making Alexandria more accessible for individuals with disabilities. Due to her absence, she would like to get an update on what was learned at the workshop.

Chair's Report

Chair Prince reported that she has been having health issues recently and will be yielding the rest of the meeting to Vice Chair Sprague but will still be actively participating. Chair Prince is anticipating that she will resume the duties of the Chair at the December meeting.

Chair Prince attended the Boards and Commission meeting on Monday. Some of the key take-aways from the meeting included notification that on Friday, Snap benefits will be covered up to 90 percent; the Mark Center will be holding a food distribution, time has not been finalized yet; the Human Rights Office made significant budget cuts which were reviewed by the Human Rights Commission; discussion about communication with the City Council and creating a more standardized way of doing so; unofficial decision to have an once a year Boards and Commission mixer.

Renovations will begin at City Hall in January. December's meeting will be informal, and we will have a presentation from the Office of Housing. Chair Prince encouraged members to bring snacks to the meeting in celebration of the holidays. January's meeting will be held at the Lee Center.

Chair Prince yielded Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Sprague. Vice Chair Sprague notified the members that ACPD Commissioner Valluzzi passed away recently and called for a moment of silence in his honor.

Guest Speaker

Sean Curry- Public Health Planner, City of Alexandria

Mr. Curry's presentation was about Alexandria's State of Health and how the Alexandria Health Department is making impactful change. Mr. Curry's presentation focused on the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which is considered a community-centered and data-driven blueprint for better health. This is the health departments 3rd time conducting this study and as a result CHIP has led to better opportunities for health; increased social and emotional learning activities; more physical activity opportunities inside and outside the classroom; expanded mental health support for prenatal and postpartum mothers; healthy homes action plan; free DASH bus to remove barriers to transit; and expanded support for college readiness focused on middle school students. ACPD members provided Mr. Curry with accessibility-related question and feedback on his presentation. A copy of the Power Point presentation was provided to ACPD members.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Discussed plans for December and April meeting. Delante notified members that the ACPD Disability Accessibility and Historic Properties pamphlet has been approved by the legal department. Delante also stated that he is working with Commissioner

Radt to create an FAQ sheet that could also be used as an outreach tool. Vice Chair Sprague moving forward with getting a proclamation passed for Autism Acceptance Month. The Commission would like to start talking about plans for Disability Pride Month as soon as possible, so more things can be done to celebrate it.

Legislative Committee: Vice Chair Sprague working on getting public schools of high quality; right to access a school-based licensed mental health professional legislation reintroduced in Richmond, VA.

Housing Committee: None

Accessibility-Friendly Businesses Committee: None

Board of Architectural Review Committee: None

Human Rights Committee: Received presentation regarding the Community Health Improvement Plan by Alexandria Department of Health. Working on getting the “Indivisible Do Something Alexandria” flyer from the No Kings website. Members of the Alexandria School Board attended the meeting and had discussions on a multitude of issues that have arisen over the last few years.

Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee: Commissioner Dixon is the new liaison. Participated in new liaison orientation. The Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Will provide update at next meeting.

Alexandria Commission on Aging: None

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce: None

Member Reports

Commissioner Sprague: Working on reviving old legislation in the House of Delegates. Have been in contact with Delegate Elect Jessica Anderson and Senator Salim. In the process of trying to set up another meeting with the Sheriff’s Office regarding individuals with autism and the justice system. Provided Delante with a link to RSVP to Sheriff Casey’s next public speaking event. Delante will forward the link to the Commission. No update on Potomac Yard project at the moment.

Commissioner Radt: November 14th is World Diabetes Day. Currently working with T1International, which is a group that advocates for insulin affordability and accessibility. T1International is hosting a webinar tomorrow. Will send Delante the information so he can

forward to the Commission. Reviewed, voted on and submitted a letter drafted for the Board of Architectural Review.

Commissioner Forster: Has a wellness anniversary coming up at the end of the month. Feels like her personal achievements helps her to better serve the ACPD.

Commissioner Dixon: No update.

Commissioner Loelius: No update

Adjournment

Vice Chair Sprague motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Radt. All Commissioners present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2025, and it will be held at 7:00 p.m., City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2000, Chet and Sabra Avery Room.