

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**

7:00 P.M., Lee Center
1108 Jefferson Street, Gold Room 1

Members Present

Howard Weiss
Shannon Loelius
Donna Spencer (Virtual)
Sarah Radt
Merle Cuthrell
Chasen Thoennes (Virtual)
Michael Kamin
Alex Sprague
Robbi Woodson
Megan Price
Rachel Dixon
Caitlin Scuderi
Jonathan McCall

City Employee Present

Delante Wade

Members Excused

Brendan Conn

Members Absent

Miriam Mullen

Call to Order by Chair Sprague

Chair Sprague called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Chair Sprague, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, the agenda was approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

Approval of Minutes of the August Meeting

Upon a motion by Chair Sprague, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, the August meeting minutes were approved. All Commissioners present voted aye.

Public Comment

James Thompson is a resident of the City of Alexandria, who identified himself as having a disability. Mr. Thompson stated that he is attending the ACPD meeting to learn more about the mission of the ACPD. Mr. Thompson further stated that he was interested in joining the ACPD in the future.

Chair's Report

Chair Sprague stated that they have been noticing an increase in buildings in Alexandria, especially in bathrooms, that use flickering lights which can trigger sensory issues. Chair Sprague stated that they also noticed several pedestrian street signals (Duke St. & West St. and near the Dunkin Donuts on Richmond Highway) that are not working properly (error message reading "change password") in Alexandria which is problematic for individuals with visual disabilities.

Guest Speakers

No guest speaker.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Chair Sprague discussed potential commissioners who have expressed interest in serving on the Executive Committee.

The ACPD will reach out to the Commission on Aging and request that a member of the Commission on Aging serve as a liaison to the ACPD.

Housing Committee: No report.

Accessibility-Friendly Businesses Committee: Commissioner Radt spoke with Claire Mouledoux, Visit Alexandria. Ms. Mouledoux is working on a voting plan for 2027 which will focus on voting accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Ms. Mouledoux is interested in meeting with the ACPD to discuss the voting plan. The ACPD will reach out to Ms. Mouledoux to schedule a presentation for a future ACPD meeting.

Board of Architectural Review Committee: The BAR will be discussing the accessibility chapter of the updated guidelines soon. The BAR will hold a public meeting on September 23, 2026. Members of the ACPD are encouraged to attend and provide comments.

Alexandria Police Department Committee: Chair Sprague stated they attended the latest Alexandria Police Department Public Safety Summit which was held at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Commissioner Kamin stated that he is in the process of comparing the Alexandria Police Department general orders with the Metropolitan Police Department (DC) general orders as it pertains to the policies, practices and procedures for police interactions with individuals with disabilities. Commissioner Kamin notified the commission that all the general orders for both the Alexandria Police Department and the Metropolitan Police Department are online for public viewing. Commissioner Kamin is interested in speaking with the Chief of the Alexandria Police Department to discuss the general orders.

Liaison Reports

Human Rights Committee: Commissioner Kamin is the new liaison. He will be attending the upcoming HRC meeting.

Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee: No update.

Action Items

Special elections were held for the position of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairperson. Chair Sprague ran unopposed. All commissioners in attendance voted in favor of Chair Sprague. The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson. Commissioner McCall nominated himself. Commissioner McCall ran unopposed. All commissioners in attendance voted in favor of Commissioner McCall to become the new ACPD Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Dixon was appointed to the Executive Committee (unopposed).

The ACPD 2027 Legislative Package was discussed, and final edits were made to the document. Upon a motion by Commissioner Woodson, seconded by Commissioner Radt, the 2027 Legislative Package was agreed upon. All Commissioners present voted aye. Delante Wade will send the finalized package to the City Clerk prior to the September 18, 2026, deadline.

The ACPD provided names of potential guest speakers to present at future ACPD meetings (both internal to the city and external). Potential guest speakers include but are not limited to T&ES, DOT Paratransit, Office of Emergency Management, Voter Registration and Elections, DASH, Visit Alexandria, Our Stomping Grounds, Dominion Power, etc..

Member Reports

Commissioner Radt: The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington, Low Vision Support Group is hosting an “Accessible Voting in Alexandria” program on October 9, 2026, from 1pm- 2pm at the Beatley Jr. Central Library. Members of the ACPD are encouraged to attend

Working on organizing “White Cane Awareness Day” in Old Town Alexandria (October 17th). Will work with various organizations to bring focus to the blind and low vision community. “White Cane Awareness Day” is celebrated nationally on October 15th. Commissioner Radt is also working on bringing forth a proclamation for blindness awareness.

Adjournment

Chair Sprague motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCall. All Commissioners present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2026, and it will be held at 7:00 p.m., Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Gold Room 1.