



**Municipality of Anchorage
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2016

I Call to Order

A regular meeting of the ADA Advisory Commission was held at 10:35 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12th at Access Alaska, 1217 E. 10th Avenue

II Roll Call

Roll call was conducted; a quorum was in attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
<u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Ziemer, Chair• Holli Yancey• Lynne Koral• Brittney Howell• Lynn Kenney• Lindsey Davison <u>Municipal Staff</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Levy, DHHS• Jillanne Inglis – ADA Coordinator	<u>Commissioners</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christine King - excused	Teresa Helleck – MOA IT Stephanie Horvat - AERC

III Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved, motion to approve by Commissioner Koral, seconded by Commissioner Howell.

IV Approval of Minutes

The December 2015 minutes were approved with amendments, motion to approve by Commissioner Koral and seconded by Commissioner Howell.

V Public Comments

None.

VI Guests

.Teresa Helleck – Municipality of Anchorage IT Department
Stephanie Horvat – Anchorage Equal Rights Commission

VII. New Business:

Presentation of ABLE Act – Commissioner Howell presented a PowerPoint overview of the HB 188 and SB 104/Achieving A Better Life Experience (ABLE) legislation. This legislation provides tax saving accounts for Alaskans with disabilities. The accounts will allow for savings for qualified disability-related expenses not covered by public programs. ABLE accounts also will eliminate current barriers to employment for Alaskans with disabilities by creating a tool which will allow the savings of income earned from a job without jeopardizing their public benefits. This program has the potential of helping Alaskans with disabilities out of poverty and fostering greater independence and self- sufficiency.

Commissioner Koral made a motion to send a letter to the Alaska legislature supporting the ABLE act. Commissioner Kenney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Board Elections - .Nominations were open for both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Anchorage ADA Advisory Commission. Motion was made and seconded to nominate David Ziemer as Chair of the ADA Advisory Commission. Nominations were closed and David Ziemer was elected the Chair of the ADA Advisory Commission for 2016. Commissioner Yancey made a motion to nominate Christine King to serve as the Vice Chair of the ADA Advisory Commission. Nominations were closed and Christine King was elected Vice Chair of the ADA Advisory Commission.

MOA Technology Accessible Initiative - Ms. Teresa Helleck from the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) IT Department gave an update to the ADA Commissioners on their MOA accessibility technology project. Ms. Helleck stated that the goal of the project was to become compliant with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and their Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. The initiative program is looking for help from the ADA Commission as well as other disability advocates in the city to assist with the redesign and redevelopment of the MOA website. Among the information that Ms. Helleck and her team are looking for are:

- What assistive technologies (AT) do you see as priorities?
- What resources are available to assist the MOA in achieving the goals of the project?
 - Single Point of Contact for each AT?
- How should MOA prioritize AT services?

Some of the next steps that the initiative program is looking for are:

- Formulate full MOA Team
- Seek funding for automation tools
- Identify priorities
- Develop Web Editor training

Commissioner Davison made a motion to nominate Commissioner Yancey as the commission liaison to the AT project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koral

and passed unanimously. Commissioner Yancey will meet with the group regularly and will update the commission at its April meeting.

VIII Municipal Reports

ADA Coordinator - Jill Inglis stated that the ADA coordinator is looking for volunteers for travel training outreach.

IX. Updates from Chair

None.

X. Old Business

None

XI. Good of the Order

None.

XII Announcements

Nothing at this time.

XIII Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Howell and seconded by Commissioner Koral. The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 10:30 am at DHHS 4th Floor Conference Room.**