



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Notes –August 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Ralph DeCicco - Chair Pauline Perno - Vice Chair

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Meeting Will Be Via Zoom and on Revere TV

Please click the link below to join the webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87991346824>

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members: Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Asmaa Aabou-Fouda, Mario Grimanis, Robert Brown, Jason Barrone (quorum met)

**Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2022: (no July Meeting)
Jason Barrone / Mario Grimanis**

Item #2: Introduction of Sofia Marmoucha: Sofia joins the Commission as a student Advocate Volunteer Commission Member; making sure that disabled students have equal access to the educational system. Hopeful to get her involved in SEPAC also with Robert Brown.

Item #3: Updates/ next steps from June meeting: Pauline Perno looking to develop a calendar for guest spots ie. Health Dept., Fire etc on a monthly basis.

Item #4 : SEPAC July Updates/ August / September Events

- **Robert Brown will provide an update (Not ready in time for Meeting Agenda posting): Robert will be doing some outreach with companies surrounding dogs and trainings / access; SEPAC meeting covered time, place, school year events, holiday events and parties (ROW, ROW Revere, Halloween), spreading knowledge about SEPAC; next SEPAC Meeting September 22, 2022 in the RHS learning commons; people looking forward to bringing back Special Olympics and young athlete program. Pauline mentioned an All-Inclusive facility in Dedham Mass specifically designed for persons with special needs. Looking forward to a fieldtrip!**

Item #5 : CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Monthly Zoom meeting July 6 and August 3, 2022.

- **7/6 meeting: DLC would like to attend local COD meetings, we would like to pursue this; ADA Celebration changed to 8/31 on City Hall plaza from 12-2pm**

- **8/3 meeting, moved to September to discuss plain language guidelines; accessible equipment for voting / online options/ open meeting laws changes and updated**

Item #6: State legislature passed and recently signed into law the Remote Meeting extension, through March 31, 2023 (local boards and commissions of cities and towns. State legislature passed \$5.2 bond bill for technology grants to municipalities to expand remote hybrid public meeting accessibility for residents

Item #7; Commission on Disability looking to fill a Vacancy : applicants can contact Human Resources

Item #8: Communications: None

Item #9 : Commission Members Late Items : ABA waiting list for services up to 1 year; MBTA shutdowns, Orange line 1 month, GLX 3 weeks , E branch 21 days

Item #10: Residents' concerns/issues : None

Item #11: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities is working remotely. Residents can speak to staff from our 311 Constituent Service Center Monday through Friday when you call our office at 781-286-8267. They will be able to answer most questions but if they are unable to or if you would like a call back from our department, please ask to be transferred to the Disability offices voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

As always please let us know if you would like something discussed or brought up and added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can let us know if you would like to speak on any issue or concern. The Commission is here to help and assist al the disabled residents and families of Revere.

Next Steps:

- **Pauline Perno to continue working on developing and creating for guest speakers to join our monthly meetings**
- **Ralph DeCicco to find information and a contact to pass on to Pauline and Robert regarding Red Cross having Social Emotional/Comfort Dogs for emergencies or disasters.**

Motion to Adjourn: Mario Grimanis and Jason Barrone

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be Tuesday September 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM