

# Minutes

## Commission on Disability Concerns Meeting

### February 2, 2026

Minutes of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY CONCERNS held on Monday, February 2, 2026, p.m., held both In-Person & Virtually: Tempe Transportation Center- The Don Cassano Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 200 E Fifth Street, Tempe, AZ 85281 & Microsoft Teams at the following link:

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**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Kathy Jefferson (Chair)  
Jacob Bunch  
Steven Tokos  
Genevieve Vega  
Lauren Hansen  
Krista Smiley  
Esther Montenegro  
Danielle Ulm

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

**City Staff Present:**

Monique Perry, ADA Accessibility Coordinator/ Staff Liaison  
Joseph Brudnock, Tempe Police Department  
Amy Pfeifer, Tempe Police Department

**Guests**

Public Guest:

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Jefferson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Native Land Acknowledgement Statement**

We acknowledge that Tempe lies in the ancestral land of the Native peoples who have lived here since time immemorial. The ancestral land of the O'odham and Piipaash extends far beyond our city's boundaries.

The landscape is sacred to them, embodying cultural values that are integral to their identity and way of life. The O'odham and Piipaash continue to maintain a deep spiritual connection to this land. We embrace the responsibility of caring for these places and vow to uphold this commitment in all our actions.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

The Commission on Disability Concerns welcomes public comment for items listed on this agenda only. There is a three-minute limit per person. If you would like the Commission to consider an issue or topic, please request that the topic be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. The Commission must provide notice to the Community of our discussion, consideration, and PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA possible action on every topic. Please feel free to speak with any Commissioner or staff so we may assist you.

### **Agenda Item 3 – City of Tempe Student Resource Officer Presentation**

Tempe Police Officers Joseph Brudnock and Amy Pfeifer provided the Commission with an overview of the School Resource Officer Unit and its partnership with Kyrene, Tempe Elementary, and Tempe Union High School. Officers share with the Commission the training provided to assist children with physical or other disabilities. The presentation will be shared with Commissioners.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Consideration of Minutes: January 12, 2026**

Commissioner Montenegro made a motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, and Commissioner Ulm seconded the motion. The motion was sustained with all I's from all other Commissioners, except Commissioner Vega, who abstained due to her absence.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Citywide ADA Updates/ Questions/ Discussion**

The Commission was advised of any open cases reported by community members since the January meeting update.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Commission Chair/ Co-Chair Nomination and Vote**

Commissioner Tokos initiated the nomination process by nominating Commissioner Bunch to serve as the Commission Chair for the year 2026, followed by Commissioner Jefferson seconding the motion. The Vote for Commissioner Bunch as Chair went forth and was supported unanimously by all others. Commissioners.

The nomination for Commission Co-Chair was opened with a nomination from Commissioner Bunch for Commissioner Jefferson to serve as Co-Chair, followed by a nomination from Commissioner Tokos for Commissioner Vega to serve as the Co-Chair. A vote was held, confirming Commissioner Jefferson as the Co-Chair for 2026.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Commission Update/Discussion/ Vote on Confirming Youth Seats**

The Commissioners provided an update regarding the request to Council being completed to start the process for Youth seats, and need to confirm this is the direction the Commission wants to move in. Commissioner Jefferson put forth the motion to approve adding youth seats, and Commissioner Vega seconded the motion. The motion was sustained and all I's from all other Commissioners. Advised that there would be a future agenda item about whether the seats will have voting power or just serve in an advisory capacity.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Announcements**

The Commissioners use this opportunity to make announcements regarding programs or current events not on the agenda.

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- All-Abilities 2026 nominations are open, and Commissioners are encouraged to reach out to the schools and other community members to increase the number of nominations for the event.
  - Thanks to Commissioner Hansen, who showed up to the Annual Unity Walk Event and held the table down the entire event.
  - Commissioners requested that a Strategic Plan update be agendaized every other meeting, which captures the discussion. Commissioners advised confirmation of the keynote speaker for All-Abilities 2026.

#### **Agenda Item 9 – Upcoming Meeting Date + Proposed Future Agenda Items**

- Upcoming Meeting Date – March 2, 2026
- Proposed Future Agenda Items Updates
  - Project Vision Zero Presentation – **Scheduled for March 2026**
  - First Responders training Presentation- **Scheduled for March 2026**
  - The Centers for Habilitation Presentation
  - Adult Changing Tables

**Motion made by Commissioner Vega to adjourn the meeting.**

**Second by Commissioner Bunch.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.**

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Prepared by: Monique Perry

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Reviewed by: Astyn Quander