



Commission for Citizens with Disabilities



MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Karin Decker
Madeline Nicoletti, Chair
Andrea Pianka, Vice Chair

Norman Smith III
Joanne Tirrell, Secretary
Jennifer Lee

Demetrios Kanavaros

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, February 16, 2016 was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Commissioner Pianka called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Nicoletti
Commissioner Pianka
Commissioner Tirrell

Commissioner Lee
Commissioner Kanavaros

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APPROVE MINUTES:

Commissioner Pianka motioned to approve the meeting minutes of December 15, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Tirrell, so voted 5/0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

a. Newly appointed Commissioners, Jennifer Lee and Demetrios Kanavaros, both gave brief backgrounds of themselves.

Commissioner Kanavaros, is employed by MA Department of Developmental Services and Human Rights Office. His territory includes everything west of Worcester.

Commissioner Lee was sworn in on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at City Hall. She is employed by the Stavros Center for Independent Living as the Systems Advocate and serves as a board member for the Disability Policy Consortium.

b. Westfield State University ICE Program Expansion was tabled until the March meeting. All in favor 5/0.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The update of the Bay State-Noble Hospital Van and Parking violations was tabled until the March meeting. All in favor 5/0. It was suggested by Commissioner Kanavaros that we request the MA Office of Disabilities contact them. All on favor 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

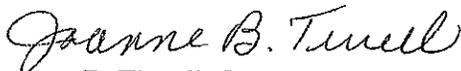
- a. Election of Officers was tabled to the March meeting. All in favor 5/0.
- b. Conflict of Interest Law training was tabled to the March meeting. All in favor 5/0.
- c. Westfield Woman's Club update:

Commissioner Pianka stated that she received no response to her emails or phone calls regarding ADA specification updates required of them, due to the fact that public events are being held by the club. There is no handicap accessible entrance to their building, nor is there any access to public bathrooms on the first floor. She suggested we request Andy Bristol, at the Stavros Center, contact them. Commissioner Kanavaros also suggested we ask for guidance from the Department of Developmental Services.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Chair Nicoletti adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


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