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City of Melrose Commission on Disability (MCOB) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 12, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Alaine Breen
Garin Boyd (Secretary)
David Hoff (Vice Chair)
Margaret Sheets
Matthew Travers

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Hoff called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Disability at 7:03 PM.

2. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present for participation.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 8th meeting was made by Commissioner Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Travers. Passed unanimously.

4. CODA/State Updates

CODA meeting: no one from the Melrose Commission on Disability attended this month's meeting. There is a task force on the state level being assigned climate crisis. Vice Chair Hoff mentioned that there was a keynote speech on moving away from "ableist alternatives". Medicare is still an issue because of the recent cuts.

5. Community Education Guide Update

Vice Chair Hoff has sent the Community Education Guide to the Melrose Commission on Disability mailing list. Printed copies should be sent to schools, library, MMTV and FYACS. He will make sure that some copies are made available in large print.

6. SEPAC

Basic rights/ resource training will be held on November 17th at 7pm for parents looking for answers and resources. Commission Chair Hale and Vice Chair Hoff have taken first steps to collaborate with The Chamber and high school special education director. The goal is to generate possibilities in providing work experience and jobs for students with disabilities. Passing of the Override might help on some of these issues.

7. Lynnebago

The presenter was unable to attend.

8. MCOD outreach to community

The Commission mailing list is up to 80 people.

9. Other Business

- Commission Secretary Boyd gave a report on MLK Day of Service.
- Commission Secretary Boyd gave an update on “no parking” signs now present on Lebanon Street across from the playground.
- Commission Secretary Boyd gave an update on the Visual description Tour at Follow Your Art Community Studios.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned, motion made by Commission Secretary Boyd seconded by Commissioner Travers.

Meeting minutes submitted by Garin Boyd, Melrose Commission on Disability Secretary.