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**City of Melrose Commission on Disability (MCOB)
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: March 12, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Garin Boyd (Secretary)
Gary Hale
Erin Heyneman
David Hoff (Chair)
Margaret Sheets (Vice Chair)
Matthew Travers

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2025 meeting was made by Vice Chair Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Hale. Passed unanimously.

3. Public Participation

There were no members of the public at the meeting. Public comment was withheld.

4. CODA/State Updates

Commission Secretary Boyd attended the CODA monthly meeting. Meeting was very sparsely attended, and a few issues around recent government funding cuts were discussed.

5. Use of Funds Policy

Use of funds policy has been mailed to Lauren Grymek. Should have updates soo.

6. Community Education Guide Update

Commission Chair Hoff indicated that Community Education Guide is still in progress. Alterations have been made.

7. SEPAC

Commissioner Heyneman is emailing Amanda Cormier from SEPAC to check in with her.

10. Disability Pride 2025 plans

Commissioner Sheets provided an update to the Commission on Disability Pride events.

- Panel discussion at the library 7pm - 8pm July 23rd 2025.
- Spoke to Kathy Brodeur and we have soft hold on Memorial Hall for Disability Art Show on July 26th. Details need to be ironed out.
- YMCA may run accessible class, no firm number on that yet.
- Library wants to participate in reading, and will have books out on disability for July.

11. Officer elections

Slate was submitted as follows: Gary Hale, Melrose Commission on Disability Chair. David Hoff, Melrose Commission on Disability Vice Chair. Garin Boyd, Melrose Commission on Disability Secretary. Slate was put to vote and passed unanimously.

13. Other business:

- **Melrose City Council would like feedback from MCOB at traffic meeting, March 24th 2025, 7 pm.**
- **Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church will be showing the movie “Crip Camp” and would like Commissioners to participate in a panel discussion afterward. Commissioners are encouraged to send bios before Saturday. Date/time is Saturday April 5th from 6-8pm.**

14. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Hale.

Adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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