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

Meeting Date: April 9, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Garin Boyd (Secretary)

Gary Hale (Chair)

Erin Heyneman

David Hoff (Vice Chair)

Margaret Sheets

Matthew Travers

**1. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Hale called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Disability at 7:00PM.

**2. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 12th meeting was made by Commissioner Sheets and seconded by Commission Secretary Boyd. Passed unanimously.

**3. Public Participation**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

**4. CODA/State Updates**

Commission Chair Hale and Commission Secretary Boyd attended the CODA monthly meeting. DPC has a call for action as 17 states currently have repeals in for 504.

**5. Community Education Guide Update**

Community guide is still being worked on. Updates to document should be available by May's meeting.

## **6. SEPAC**

Amanda Cormier from SEPAC attended the meeting to give an update and ask how we can help. Financial/budget issues continue to be top priority. Lack of teachers, large classrooms are still ongoing issues. Discussion about consolidation of Lincoln/Roosevelt SEPAC.

## **7. Disability Pride 2025 plans**

Seeking cost numbers from Memorial Hall. They are restructuring their price structure and should have information soon. Events still being considered by Melrose Library and YMCA.

## **8. MOD grant application**

Discussion on where the money should go? Schools could use it for bathrooms, door openers and water fountains. There are many other items that could be addressed for no or low cost.

## **9. Other business:**

- Budget line item for MCOB budget (\$2,000) has been removed from city budget.
- Linda Gardener a librarian is interested to work on linking Melrose Library with Perkins library for additional accessibility resources.
- "Crip Camp" viewing and panel was well attended and had good messaging to the community.
- MCOB bylaws may need review. Commission Chair Hale felt the documents were very thorough but has some questions related to the "purpose" section.
- "Disability is Diversity: Snapshots of Disabled Life" is happening April 29th at 7 pm at the Rooted Cafe at Somerville Armory Somerville MA. Event was planned by Commissioners Secretary Boyd and Heyneman. Commissioner Sheets will be a performer at this event.
- Perkins school is having a tactile art exhibit open from April 7th to May 5. Art exhibit will focus on 7 pieces of tactile and sound equipped art work.

## **14. Adjournment**

Motion made by Vice Chair Hoff, seconded by Commissioner Heyneman.

Adjourned at 8:01 PM.