



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 3:30 P.M.

## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Kate Elliott  
Sue Kroeger  
Meghan Brajevich  
Jonathan Lee-Confer  
Zach Coble, Chairperson  
Ray Jordan

**Representing**

City Manager  
City Manager  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5

**Absent:**

Derrick Espadas  
Chaz Gross

**Representing:**

Mayor's Office  
Ward 6

**Staff and Others Present:**

Jennifer Bonham  
Brandi Medina  
Stephanie Alvarez

City Manager's Office  
City Clerk's Office  
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## **2. Call to the Public.**

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

## **3. Consideration and Possible Approval for the January 2026 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, to approve January 2026 minutes.

## **4. Update on the Update on the Tucson Transit Advisory Committee and the Complete Streets Coordinating Council**

Chairperson Coble provided an overview of the City's Complete Streets policy, adopted in 2019, which promotes safe and accessible streets for pedestrians, people with disabilities, cyclists, transit users, and drivers. He explained how the Complete Streets Coordinating Council reviews and funds projects through Proposition 411, including sidewalk connections, HAWK crossings, bike infrastructure, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety improvements. He noted recent and upcoming projects, funding limitations, and the Council's use of equity criteria when prioritizing projects.

Commissioners discussed community engagement, accessibility concerns related to curb ramp design, and the importance of clear pedestrian guidance for people with low or no vision. Commissioner Jordan shared observations from the Transit Advisory Committee, including gaps in crash data related to near misses, transit safety perceptions, vacant committee seats for people with disabilities, and transit funding topics such as fare-free service, advertising impacts on visibility, fuel cost savings, and bus shelter design. Additional discussion covered transit safety planning, data accuracy, outreach efforts, and ongoing advocacy related to paratransit performance and accessibility.

## **5. Consideration and Possible Approval for the 2025 CODI Annual Report**

Chairperson Coble introduced the Commission's 2025 Annual Report, noting it was time-sensitive and had been distributed for review. Commissioners were invited to share questions or comments. Commissioner Kroeger expressed appreciation for the report's format and found it helpful in reflecting on the Commission's work and priorities over the past year. Chairperson Coble acknowledged contributions from Commissioner Jordan and Commissioner Brajevich in addition to his own.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, to approve the 2025 CODI Annual Report.

## **6. Announcements**

Commissioner Jordan reported that he recently observed Sun Tran's new bus driver training on wheelchair securement. He stated the training covered safety procedures thoroughly and aligned with best practices. Commissioner Jordan noted that some drivers may deviate from training over time and shared that he now has a direct contact with the training and safety manager to report concerns.

Commissioner Brajevich shared updates on the efforts to identify consultants and resources that go beyond ADA compliance, focusing on universal design principles. It was noted, outreach to University of Arizona contacts and mentioned upcoming disability-related events, including the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament and a University of Arizona disability studies symposium later in the spring.

## **7. Adjournment: 4:57 PM**