



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

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

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Derrick Espadas
Kate Elliott
Meghan Brajevich
Jonathan Lee-Confer
Zach Coble, Chairperson
Ray Jordan
Chaz Gross

Representing:

Mayor's Office
City Manager
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Absent:

Sue Kroeger

Representing:

City Manager

Staff and Others Present:

Stacie Schaner
Jennifer Bonham
Panya Chhoeuy
Brandi Medina
Stephanie Alvarez

Assistant Chief, TPD
City Manager's Office
AGM, Sun Tran
City Clerk's Office
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2. Call to the Public.

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

3. Introduction of New Members

Chairperson Coble introduced new member Chaz Gross and invited him to speak.

Commissioner Gross shared that he learned of the opportunity through Ward 6 and was interested in joining the Commission to be part of the conversation. He noted a personal connection to disability-related issues and expressed appreciation for the positive impact of Sun Van services.

Chairperson Coble welcomed Commissioner Gross and encouraged him to share topics of interest for future meetings.

4. Consideration and Possible Approval for the February 2026 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 0, to approve February 2026 minutes.

5. Discussion of the Tucson Police Department's Interactions with People with Disabilities

Assistant Chief Stacie Shaner presented an overview of the Tucson Police Department (TPD), including its structure and training efforts related to interactions with individuals with disabilities. She highlighted that many patrol officers are early in their careers, making ongoing training especially important. Key training programs include Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), with approximately 50% of officers trained (exceeding national standards), as well as ICAT, behavioral health response training, and newly implemented hands-on training involving mobility devices.

Assistant Chief Shaner also outlined several programs aimed at improving communication and accessibility, including the Blue Envelope Program, which allows individuals to share important information during traffic stops, and the Reasonable Accommodation Request Program, which links accommodation needs to an individual's record. She noted efforts to improve ADA compliance through a newly designated ADA liaison and ongoing updates to department materials and systems.

Commissioners asked questions about training coverage, communication methods, and accessibility for individuals without stable housing. Discussion also focused on the need for better community awareness of these resources. Assistant Chief Shaner welcomed collaboration with the Commission to help share information more broadly and highlighted TPD's continued community engagement efforts through events and partnerships.

6. Announcements

Chairperson Coble noted a delay in requesting updated Sun Van performance data on time and clarified the responsibility was his, expressing interest in a future agenda item with Sun Van participation.

Commissioner Brajevich shared an opportunity to participate in a University of Arizona panel featuring students with disabilities during the first week of April and requested referrals for potential panelists.

Chairperson Coble also highlighted that Tucson will host the National Wheelchair Basketball Association championships at the University of Arizona from late March through early April.

7. Adjournment 4:43PM