



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 3:30 P.M.

LEGAL ACTION REPORT

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present:

Jessica Edwards
Kate Elliot
Jeremy Harkin
Derrick Espadas
Cam Juarez
Meghan Brajevich
Zach Coble
Ray Jordan
Chaz Gross

Representing:

City Manager
City Manager
City Manager
Mayor's Office
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Absent:

Jonathan Lee-Confer

Representing:

Ward 3

Staff and Others Present:

Panya Chhoeuy
Stephanie Alvarez
Brandi Medina

AGM, SunTran
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office

2. Call to the Public

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

3. Consideration and Possible Approval for the July 2026 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Juarez, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 0, to approve the July 2026 Meeting Minutes.

4. Discussion of How to Involve Appointing Offices in the Experience of People with Disabilities More Prominently

The Commission discussed ways to increase the involvement of appointing offices, including City Council offices and City leadership, in understanding the experiences and accessibility needs of people with disabilities. Commissioners discussed opportunities for appointing officials to hear directly from people with different disabilities through guided activities, panels, community events, and other educational opportunities. Commissioners emphasized that these activities should focus on learning from people with disabilities and understanding accessibility barriers rather than simulating a disability.

Commissioners also discussed how accessibility concerns related to mobility devices, including bicycles, electric tricycles, and scooters, demonstrate the importance of involving people with disabilities in planning and decision-making. Commissioners noted that accessibility needs vary widely and that greater engagement with the disability community could help appointing offices better understand these concerns and identify potential solutions.

The Commission discussed holding a special in-person meeting with appointing officials and City staff to discuss disability issues and accessibility priorities. Commissioners emphasized the importance of providing a hybrid option to ensure the meeting is accessible to all participants. The City Clerk's Office indicated that hybrid meetings are available and agreed to provide information regarding scheduling and notice requirements. Chairperson Coble will coordinate with Commissioners and the City Clerk's Office on potential dates, with January 2027 receiving greater support to allow additional time for coordination with appointing offices and City staff.

5. Announcements

Commissioners provided updates on community and City activities, including the Tucson Transit Safety and Security Plan and Safe City initiative, disability-related discussions with the Independent Audit and Performance Commission, and a related virtual meeting recording available to Commissioners.

The Commission also received an update from Panya Chhoeuy regarding the Sun Van monthly report; Commissioner Jordan requested clarification of acronyms and additional information regarding customer complaints, incidents, injuries, and the distinction between valid and invalid complaints, and Mr. Chhoeuy agreed to provide additional detail in future reports. Commissioner Edwards recommended distinguishing injuries involving people from damage involving property in future reports.

Chairperson Coble announced that he intends for 2026 to be his final year serving as Chairperson while remaining on the Commission and encouraged Commissioners interested in serving as Chairperson to contact him or the City Clerk's Office by November to discuss the position.

6. Adjournment at 4:55pm