



CITY OF REVERE - COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, August 12, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Ralph DeCicco - Chair Pauline Perno - Vice Chair

Email: disabilities@revere.org Phone: 781-286-8267

Meeting Will Broadcast Live Via Zoom, Revere TV & Revere TV YouTube Channel

Please click the link below to join the webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88270277148>

Or Telephone: US: +1 929 205 6099

Webinar ID 882 7027 7148

Meeting Replay https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTjD7UxSggo&list=PLlYqBh7a_8bz_jaLbb_Lgl-ee_7wqGYDE&index=2&ab_channel=RevereTV

Spanish interpretation can be requested at least 48 "business" hours prior to the public meeting by emailing:
Translation@Revere.org

La interpretación en español puede solicitarse al menos 48 horas hábiles antes de la reunión pública enviando un correo electrónico a Translation@Revere.org

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members: All Commission Members Present (Ralph DeCicco, Pauline Perno, Jason Barone, Mario Grimanis, Ellie Vargas, Annmarie Fiore)

Item #1: Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from June 10th, 2025,- Motion approved by Jason Barone and seconded by Mario Grimanis.

Item #2: Guest Speaker: Lauren Shrestha - Chair of the Swampscott Commission on Disabilities.

Item #3: Updates/Next Steps from June 10th, 2025 Meeting

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**
- **Update from Annmarie regarding Music Therapy Program/collaboration with Revere Parks and Recreation Department**
- **Update regarding the letter sent to Representative Turco regarding the Revere Beach crossing safety concerns. Specifically, Ellie was going to contact his office directly to update the Commission**
- **Update and thoughts regarding All Abilities Day Out at Revere Beach Event on Saturday, August 9th**

Item #4: CODA (Commissions on Disabilities Alliance) – Meeting for August 6th

- **DPC Announced the House version of the wheelchair repair bill has passed favorably through the House Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and has now advanced to the House Ways & Means Committee! This is a major stride in the legislative process and a testament to the power of our collective voice.**
 - **The bill has been renumbered to H.4358 (previously H.1278). Please use the new number when referencing it, as the text has been updated.**

- **H.4358 is now in the House Ways & Means Committee. This is the stage where the committee reviews bills for any financial impact on the state before deciding whether to send them to the full House for debate and a vote.**
- **Moving to House Ways & Means, which means the bill has already cleared its first House committee and is now one step closer to reaching the House floor.**

Item #5: Any Items from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) for Variances: None

Item #6: Commission Members' Late Informational Items

- **Jason opened a discussion regarding people who use a wheelchair, especially a powerchair, who have a medical emergency. More often than not, there is no provision or way for their power wheelchair to be transported. He said there are ways that this can be solved. *(We will have further discussions on this and look for guest speakers on this topic)***
- **Mass Eye & Ear is not an entry way directly by ambulance as of 5 years ago. You need to walk in there yourself or be transported by ambulance from another facility**

Item #7: Residents' concerns/issues: None

Item #8: Next Steps:

- **Updates from Pauline & Annmarie regarding the calendar for future monthly guest speakers.**
- **Update from Annmarie regarding Music Therapy Program/collaboration with Revere Parks and Recreation Department**
- **Update regarding the letter sent to Representative Turco regarding the Revere Beach crossing safety concerns. Specifically, Ellie was going to contact his office directly to update the Commission**

Item #9: Reminder –

The Commission on Disabilities office number is 781-286-8267. Residents can also call Revere 311 directly and speak to their staff Monday through Friday. They will answer most questions, but if they are unable to assist you or if you prefer to talk with the Commission directly, please ask to be transferred to the Disability Office. Please leave a detailed message, and we will respond to you shortly.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like something discussed or added to our monthly meeting agenda. You can also let us know if you want to discuss any concerns. The Commission is here to help and assist all disabled residents and their families in Revere.

Item # 10 Meeting Adjournment Motion approved by Jason Barone and seconded by Ellie Vargas.

Next Meeting: (Via Zoom) will be on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, at 6:00 PM