



## Access and Functional Needs Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: June 27, 2022

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

### Roll Call

- Todd Roach - Present
- Kira Meskin - Present
- Judith Levitan - Present
- Randy Colón - Present
- Kenneth Jennings - Present
- Dorothy Cox-Stowe - Present
- Sam Knight - Present
- Angela Botz - Present
- Jae Jin Pak - Present
- Scott Gauvin - Present
- David Kuriniec - Present
- John Eckert - Present
- Anu Meka - Present
- Allison Anderson - Present
- Dale Tieman - Present

### Welcome and Introductions

*Introductions of new committee members, presenters, and guests.*

- Carl Baker, University of Illinois Extension

### Approval of Minutes

- Approved unanimously without corrections.

### Reports of Officers

- Todd Roach



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- Todd thanked the committee members for their work and the opportunity to be the chair.
- Kira Meskin
  - Kira addressed the ground rules for those speaking during the meeting, asking that before discussing their issue that they describe themselves.
- Secretary
  - None

## Sub-Committee Reports

- None

## Scheduled Presentations

*Formal presentations from committee members or guests that have been added to the agenda by the chair and do not involve debate or a vote.*

- Overview of the terms and definitions to be debated during new business today by Karl Schmitt

## Unfinished Business

*Unfinished business is business from a past meeting that was tabled and a member wants to return it to the floor to be debated and potentially voted on.*

- None

## New Business

*New business is reserved for formal proposals from the floor that are brought forth as a motion that needs to be debated and potentially voted on.*

- Motion to adopt the definition of disability as recommended by the Executive Committee.
  - Laura VanPuymbrouck: It is also unlawful to discriminate against a person based on the person's association with a person with a disability, which could be family members or other and I think for access and functional needs clarifying and making sure that point will be really important.



- Decision was made to eliminate the two of the three dots at the end of the definition, as the actual definition was fully stated as in the ADA. The dots referenced that below the full definition of disability in the ADA there were definitions for terms that fell within the definition that were not an actual part of the definition.
- Motion was amended (Motion to amend by Scott Gauvin, seconded by Dale Tieman) to require that the deflections be included in a definitions section. Motion to amend passed.
- Motion to adopt the definition of disability as stated in the ADA passed unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the definition of access and functional needs as recommended by the Executive Committee.
  - John Eckert from the Illinois Department on Aging: The definition of older adults from the Illinois Act on Aging (Referenced in the definition for access and functional needs) is antiquated and needs to be revised. Recommended referencing the federal definition instead.
  - Todd Roach: Stated that by referencing the Illinois Act on Aging, when it is revised, it would automatically apply to the definition for access and functional needs.
  - Karl Schmitt: Concurred with Todd that the definition of access and functional needs would by default change when the Illinois Act on Aging is amended. Also, stated we need to confirm that the General Assembly did not intentionally broaden the definition of older adult to cover a more people than the federal requirement.
  - Jae Jin Pak: People with disabilities, and functional needs are from different communities and language access (individuals who are non-English speaking of have limited English proficiency) is an issue is. Thinks it's important in our definitions and in our processes to include language access.
  - Scott Gauvin: Motion to amend the definition to add “interpretive and translation services” to the definition between “assistive technology and



“wheelchair ramps.” Motion seconded by Dale Tieman. Motion to amend passed 9-5.

- Randy Colon: Asked if the words “but not limited to” can be inserted after “such as.” The Chair stated the words could be inserted without a motion, as they do not change the definition’s intent.
- Vote on amended motion passed 8-6.
- Given that the meeting is running up against its scheduled ending time, the Chair decided to push the debate on the motions to adopt definitions for access and functional needs support services, older adults, and at-risk individuals to unfinished business at the next committee meeting.
- Motion to adopt the annual report as recommended by the Executive Committee with the inclusion of the definitions of disability and access and functional needs only.
  - Motion by Scott Gauvin, seconded by Dorothy Cox-Stowe.
  - Judith Levitan: Motion to amend the report making a few clarifications to existing language. Motion passed unanimously.
    - Add the legal citation to the ADA on page 8.
    - Changes to Judith’s biography on page 17.
    - Clarifying language pertaining to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General on page 20.
  - Kira Meskin: Requested that we confirm that all images in the report have Alt Tags.
  - Randy Colon: Requested that documents sent to the committee be sent as Word documents.
  - Motion to adopt the report as amended passed unanimously.
- Motion to adopt the 2022-2023 meeting schedule as recommended by the Executive Committee. Motion passed unanimously.



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## Announcements and Good of the Order

*Announcements are for the good of the order, such as available webinars, training opportunities, and any other issues individuals want to discuss that do not require a vote.*

- Kira Meskin: Informed all of the National Access and Functional Needs Symposium, July 19 and 20.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02.