

# MAYOR'S DISABILITY COUNCIL (MDC)



A NEW DAY.

## ***Mayor's Disability Council Board Meeting Minutes***

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 3:00 to 5:00 PM | Main Library, 303 N. Laura St.  
Multipurpose Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Ray Pringle, Stephanie Young, Natalie Alden, Dan O'Connor, Barbara Brown, Anida Pollo, Jose Morales, Ron McCauley

**Ad-Hoc Members Present:** Amy Valentine (DCPS), Rebecca Scissors (DCPS), Andre Durham (JSO) & Sgt. Mike Gore (JSO)

**Staff Present:** Kara Tucker & Tereese Goodloe

**Citizens Present:** Dominique DeWitt (Wounded Warrior Project), John Nooney (Advocate), Maria Duqua (The Arc Jacksonville)

**Meeting called to order at:** 3:02pm by chair Ray Pringle

### **Welcome and Introduction:**

- Ray Pringle, 2025 MDC Board Chair

**Pledge of Allegiance:** *All in Attendance*

**Parliamentarian:** Jose Morales

- Keep Roberts Rules of order
- Listen to Chair at all time
- Have a respectful meeting

### **Vote to Approve Minutes:**

- *Moved by: Jose Morales to approve minutes from: February 4, 2025. Seconded by: Stephanie Young.*

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## **Guest Presentation:**

Sgt. Mike Rovrio (JSO)

- Traffic Crashes around *Round-a-bouts*:
  - Merrill Road – 29 crashes
  - 5 Points – 10 crashes
- Full Deployment, McCormick, down Kernan, & all the way up JTB
  - 6 hours / 6pm to midnight
  - 6 officers, 1 Sargent
    - ✓ 132 citations written
    - ✓ 55 paying citations written
    - ✓ Handed out brochures

Andre Durham (JSO)

- Behavioral Response Unit – Try to identify the cause of issues & attempt to solve problem of that issue
  - Goal – hopelessness to hopeful
  - Exparte Order
    - ✓ Mental Health Evaluations
    - ✓ Like a warrant
    - ✓ Removing from a place and taking to a Mental Health Receiving Facility
  - Partnership with MHRC

## **Announcements/Updates:** Kara Tucker, *Chief COJ Disabled Services*

- Vision Zero – [www.jax.gov](http://www.jax.gov)
- Membership seat available – tell individuals attending multiple meets before applying is recommended

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- Certificates & Plaques for past members – working on
- Gate River Run was this past weekend, Stephanie will update
- JaxReady Fest April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> (Prime Osborne)
- Fair Housing Expo April 26<sup>th</sup>
- Last week in March – IT Symposium (virtual)
- Mayor Deegan Budget Town Halls [Jacksonville.gov - Upcoming Events](https://www.jacksonville.gov/Upcoming-Events)
- Dan O'Connor asked a question about MDC Monthly Board meetings being held in the Mayor's Conference Room
  - Discussion opened; Kara explained safety issue reason & following Roberts Rules.
  - Dan O'Connor and Natalie expressed reasons why it should be held in the Mayor's Conference Room and that its never been an issue in 20 years
  - Motion by Natalie that we go back to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Jose discussed that if we go back to 4<sup>th</sup> floor we end meeting so that staff has enough time to get everything out by 5pm.
  - 6 votes to go back to 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Mayor's Conference Room however will keep both locations (multipurpose room & 4<sup>th</sup> floor) reserved

## Subcommittee Reports:

- **Employment – Stephanie Young**
  - Gate River Run – multiple teams,
    - ✓ Run for Inclusion Team
    - ✓ 81 athletes
  - Entrepreneurs Program Informational Session, launched Monday, February 24, 2025

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- ✓ Great turnout - 17
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> session, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm
- ✓ 15 applicants
- ✓ Class start date April 22<sup>nd</sup>, tentatively
- ✓ Applications start March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 11th
- Create Website for Accessible Events
- *October Mentoring Day – pending Pledge Card*
- Jax Chamber Members – get more involved
- Bring back Hiring Abilities
- ***Legislation, Education & Public Safety (LEAPS) – Anida Pollo***
  - Yield Time to allow Public Comment per MDC Chair
- ***Adaptive Recreation/Access to Wellness – Ray Pringle***
  - Yield Time to allow Public Comment per MDC Chair

## Ad Hoc Reports:

- ***Duval County Public Schools – Amy Valentine & Rebecca Scissors***
  - *Yield their time!*
- *Jacksonville Public Library/Talking Books – Tonja Ferrell*
  - *Not present*
- ***Jacksonville Transportation Authority – Mia Johnson***
  - *Ridership – 22,982 riders*
  - *Trips – 17,807*
  - *OTP Connexion:*
    - *pick up 88%*
    - *Appointments 94%*
  - *Call Hold Time – down to 5%*

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- *MV Transportation* – Jim Neddo/Brenda Matthews
  - *Not present*
- *Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)* – Gonza Gonzague
  - *Not present*
- *Career Source of NE Florida* – Lou Anne Hasty
  - *Not present*
- *Brooks Rehabilitation* – Megan Hyman
  - *Not present*

## **Public Comment (Speaker Cards):**

Maria Duque (The Arc Jacksonville)

- Speaking about JTA:
  - Individuals being dropped off before the allotted time of 8:15am
  - JTA picking up very early or not at all
  - Attempted to reach out to JTA - unsuccessful
- Jose states will bring complaints to JTAC meeting on Monday morning

John Nooney (Advocate)

- Speaking about JTA, DCPS Board & MDC Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor

## **Adjourn Meeting**

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***Members:*** Natalie Alden, Barbara Brown, Teona Haugabook,  
Ron McCauley, Jose Morales, Dan O'Connor & Anida Pollo

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