

MAYOR'S DISABILITY COUNCIL (MDC)



A NEW DAY.

Mayor's Disability Council Board Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 1, 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

Ad-Hoc Members Present: Gonza Gonzague (VR), Lou Anne Hastey (CareerSource), Amy Valentine (DCPS), Rebecca Scissors (DCPS), Capt. Rickie Grace (JFRD), Tonja Ferrell, Mia Johnson, & Fresno Cardona

Staff Present: Kara Tucker & Tereese Goodloe

Citizens Present: Dominique DeWitt (Wounded Warrior Project) & John Nooney (Advocate)

Meeting called to order at: 3:06pm by chair Ray Pringle

Welcome and Introduction:

- Ray Pringle, 2025 MDC Board Chair

Guest Speaker: Andrea Myers, Ethics

- Brief video played on Roberts Rules – After Andrea asked...
“What is the hardest thing about Roberts Rule?”
 1. Keeping on topic
 - ✓ Make sure you have a good agenda (typically agenda is voted on & approved at the beginning of a meeting).
 - ✓ Any board member can raise hand and say **point of order** (if off topic), **point of information** (if can't hear).
 - ✓ The Chair decides if on topic or not.
 2. Time keeping

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- ✓ Set expectations early via email.
- ✓ Set time limits for each board member.

Other Topics:

3. Side bar conversations

- ✓ Keep conversations limited to things board is supposed to cover (disabled citizens)

4. How to make a proper motion

- ✓ Presiding Officer cannot make a motion
- ✓ Presiding Officers don't vote (in government they do)

○ Roberts Rules of order:

- MDC Board, created by a Mayoral Executive Order #89-131, says what the responsibilities of the Board entails
- Make sure we have a quorum physically present in the room before voting on anything
- Can meet without a quorum but cannot vote or take any action
- Must propose an action (motion) and a second to have a conversation on an agenda topic/item
- Main motions are a formal proposal that the board takes a stance or action on a certain issue – cannot make a main motion while any other motions open and under discussion, focus on one topic at a time
- Subsidiary motion – change original motion
- Have conversations in a way where the public can hear and comment
- Motion maker talks first
- Do not make personal

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- Before voting on anything, ask if there is public comment on the topic
- If have speaker cards maintained by the staff liaison

Vote to Approve Minutes:

- Moved by: Jose Morales to approve minutes from: **March 4, 2025.**
Second by: Barbara Brown.

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

- Membership seat available – 4 seats
- IT Symposium – Virtual - 2 days:
 - March 27th – document accessibility
 - March 28th – Website accessibility
 - Over 116 attendees/30-60 attendees per session
 - feedback on survey – 10% increase of understanding the information
 - PowerPoint available by the beginning of next week
- Entrepreneurship Program application went live last night, will be sent out to MDC today
- JaxReady Fest April 25th & 26th (Prime Osborne)
- JHRC Fair Housing Expo April 26th
- April 23rd – deadline for Mark Rosser & James Brady Scholarship
- Kara attended LEAN Training with Parks & Recs Staff and Supervisor Training
- Staff attended MyJax Training
- Will finish DSD Interviews tomorrow
- Mayor “shout-out” to the Division & Kara for IT Symposium
- Meeting with Brooks Rehab – Spinal Cord Support Group:

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- 25 individuals in hospital at Brooks or part of the outpatient program or part of their adaptive recreation program
- A lot of feedback regarding advocacy for MDC and with programs and services for the city as well
- Well attended

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Employment – Stephanie Young**
 - 2nd Entrepreneurs Program Informational Session was March 25th
 - ✓ Great turnout - 15
 - ✓ 30 applicants(possibly)
 - ✓ Hoping to have Class start soon with a mandatory kick-off meeting for participants
 - ✓ Application is on the website
 - ✓ Press Release & Media – May 6 (tentative)
 - Disability Access Action Plan & List of Resources for Employers on ADA Accessible website – tabled conversation
 - *Future Agenda items*
 - ✓ *October Mentoring Day – holding on to*
 - Create Website for Accessible Events
 - ✓ IT Symposium – first Panel Presentation item on website
 - Working with Chamber – still waiting on Pledge Card approval by General Council
 - City Job Fair – coming in the Fall
 - Hiring Abilities – adding to agenda next month

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- ***Legislation, Education & Public Safety (LEAPS) – Anida Pollo***

- Anida Pollo was appointed as Chair in place of Denise Torres and Jose Morales appointed vice chair
- Yield Time to allow Public Comment per MDC Chair
- 2025 Senate Bill 1020
- Lifelong disabled parking placard for amputees only
- Mark Rosser and Jame Brady scholarship, asking VR and DCPS to push out, no applicants so far
- Sexual Assault Awareness Day – in Atrium today at 12pm with Mayor Deegan
- May 21 CIL Housing Task Force Meeting open to all
- Advocating for universal designing on new builds
- The JTAC Meeting was March 10th
- MDC Brochure approved

- ***Adaptive Recreation/Access to Wellness – Ray Pringle***

- Medical Access Symposium – suggestions put together will send recommendations up to the Administration
 - ✓ Kara read out the suggestion write up
 - ✓ There was some discussion about the UF Health Fair and MDC attendance
- Kara gave Parks update on inclusive parks

Ad Hoc Reports:

- ***Duval County Public Schools – Amy Valentine & Rebecca Scissors***

- Will push Mark Rosser and James Brady scholarship
- Parent surveys going out just to provide feedback

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- High School Graduations – each high school has a graduation coordinator so if guest need to request an accommodation they can through the coordinator
- ***Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department (JFRD) – Capt. Rickie Grace***
 - Funding received and being processed
 - Getting ready for Jax Ready Fest
 - PATH Team – Handle Homelessness issues
 - ✓ Trying to find housing, etc.
 - ✓ Must have a level of self-sufficiency
 - ✓ Looking for resources – seeking MDC advice/help
 - CIL willing to help per Jose Morales
 - Elder Source and Ability Housing suggested by Natalie Alden
 - All shelter teams are actively working on per Kara
- ***Jacksonville Public Library/Talking Books – Tonja Ferrell***
 - Books by Mail Program – system issues resolved
 - Zoom Text, Magnifiers, and all other additions to Talking Books for the visually impaired
- ***Jacksonville Transportation Authority – Mia Johnson***
 - *Ridership – March*
 - *Trips – 24, 856*
 - *OTP Connexion:*
 - *pick up 88.3%*
 - *Appointments 94.9%*
 - *Call Hold Time – reduced wait*
 - *Reservationist scripts – working on improvements*

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- ***MV Transportation – Fresno Cardona/General Manager***
 - Increased ridership – increased amount of the routes to accommodate the extra ridership and hoping to see better OTP, starts April 6, 2025
 - Scheduling Dept also looking at grouping rides in the same areas
- ***Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) – Gonza Gonzague***
 - New Supervisor for Jacksonville Region
- ***Career Source of NE Florida – Lou Anne Hasty***
 - VR has an opportunity with Social Security with their PATS Program
 - 21 Regions Participating in HOPE Florida for individuals who seem to slip through other opportunities
- ***Brooks Rehabilitation – Megan Hyman***
 - *Not present*

Public Comment (Speaker Cards): John Nooney

- **Spoke on Northeast Florida Regional Council**
 - public access on our water ways and a quality of life improvement

Dan OConnor started a discussion on meeting in the Mayor's Conference Room

- Kara advised on safety reasons, and we still have access to the mayor's conference room
- Natalie stated reasons why she feels we should be in the mayor's conference room

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- Ray stated safety reasons with being able to exit the mayor's conference room and the building

Adjourn Meeting at 5:01 motioned by Ray Pringle, seconded by Dan O'Connor

Chair: Ray Pringle | ***Vice-Chair:*** Stephanie Young

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

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