

Meeting Minutes

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Work Session

August 1, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

Chandler Museum – Saguaro Room
300 S. Chandler Village Dr., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Hespel at 9:10 a.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Bill Hespel
Vice Chair Julie Lazzara
Committee Member Tom Fay
Committee Member Kim Foy
Committee member Steven Briggs
Committee member Emily Raymond

Staff Attendance

Becky Kuiper, Staff Liaison
Sean Good, Recreation Coordinator
Catherine Piepenbrink, Organizational
Development Coordinator
Josh Adams, Recording Secretary

Absent

Committee member Geoffrey Foot

Discussion

1. Discussion of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Strategic Planning and Development Goals

Ms. Kuiper provided a presentation on open meeting laws and relevant guidelines. The committee then discussed aligning its efforts with the goals outlined in the ordinance that established the commission.

The committee identified three key focus areas aligned with its mission and vision. They are education, employment, and accessibility

Members reviewed current initiatives and activities, categorizing them under the three focus areas. Members discussed and generated ideas for new activities and initiatives.

The following areas were identified as needing follow-up:

- Development of targeted marketing strategies
- Timeline and planning for scholarship programs
- Review and update of ordinance language for inclusivity
- Consideration of rotating meeting locations to enhance community accessibility and engagement

Calendar

2. The next Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities meeting will be held September 9, 2025, at 7:00 a.m. in the Chandler Community Center, Room 101, 125 E. Commonwealth Ave.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. by Chair Hespel.


Becky Kulper, Recreation Superintendent


Bill Hespel, Chair