

**Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities
November 17, 2022
12:00pm
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Chair Kenneth Coley called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

II. Invocation

Chair Kenneth Coley

III. Roll Call (Members Present)

Janet Baber	Ayisha Razzak-Ellis
Kenneth Coley	Shelby Ostendorf
Wanda Becton	Pier Protz
David Snodgress	Arndrea Thomas

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Chair Kenneth Coley moved to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair seconded.

V. Old Business

A. Approval of Minutes-August 2022:

Vice-Chair Wanda Becton moved to approve the minutes. Member Ayisha Razzak-Ellis seconded.

B. Annual Awards Ceremony Recap:

Vice-Chair Wanda Becton and Chair Kenneth Coley both thanked the committee and the Community Relations Staff for a great event. Member Shelby Ostendorf shared that the employee of the year was interviewed by a local radio station.

C. Annual Council Presentation Recap:

Chair Kenneth Coley thanked the Community Relations staff for producing the Power Point and for attending the Council meeting. Vice-Chair Wanda Becton informed the committee

members that Mayor Ham showed support of the committee and commented in detail about the impact of the Mayor's Walk.

VI. New Business

A. December Holiday Meeting

Liaison Krystal Fuller spoke to the committee for them to make the determination as to whether they would like their December meeting to be a Holiday lunch or a normal meeting. Member Ayisha Razzak-Ellis mentioned having the lunch at the GEC like the prior year and Member Arndrea Thomas agreed. Liaison Krystal Fuller stated that we would have to check the availability of the GEC for that date and time and suggested to choose a restaurant as a back-up choice. Vice-Chair Wanda Becton suggested that we have it at a restaurant and the board agreed. The Laughing Owl was selected.

B. Education for Newsletter

Vice-Chair Wanda Becton asked if we are able to put information concerning disabilities into the citizen's newsletter that goes out, and if so the board would like to submit information for the newsletter concerning various disability awareness days/months. Member Pier Protz asked if we could put Night to Shine in the newsletter or any other City of Goldsboro outlet. Liaison Krystal Fuller said that she would consult Public Information Officer LaToya Henry as to what was allowed.

C. Mayor's Walk Preparation/Ideas

Vice Chair Wanda Becton suggested that instead of having separate subcommittee meetings about the Mayor's Walk to just add it as an agenda item every meeting starting in January. She also suggested that one person be made the lead or captain and it can be decided/discussed who that will be at the next committee meeting.

VI. Liaison Report

A. Membership Update:

Liaison Krystal Fuller formally informed the committee that Michael Gleason and Kelly Alves have resigned leaving 2 vacancies. The committee reviewed the 2 applications that were submitted. Chair Kenneth Coley made a motion to vote on adding Antwan Williams and David Simmons to the committee per Council's approval it was seconded by Member Ayisha Razzak-Ellis. The committee voted unanimously to approve both.

B. Member Reappointments:

There were 4 members that terms were expiring but eligible for reappointment. Donna Countryman, Ayisha Razzak-Ellis, Wanda Becton, and Arndrea Thomas. Donna Countryman and Ayisha Razzak-Ellis notified Liaison Krystal Fuller by email, prior to

the meeting, that they would not like to be included in the vote for reappointment. Chair Kenneth Coley made the motion to reappoint Vice-Chair Wanda Becton and Member Arndrea Thomas, Member Janet Baber seconded it; the committee unanimously voted to reappoint both.

C. Attendance:

Liaison Krystal Fuller went over the updated City of Goldsboro General Rules of Order for Boards, Commissions, and Committees; especially focusing on the attendance policy. Members Shelby Ostendorf and Arndrea Thomas both stated that virtual attendance should be an option especially with the committee specializing in working with Disabled Persons. Member Shelby Ostendorf said that there should be special adaptations and that if she needed to speak to the Council concerning it, she would. Several committee members agreed for virtual meetings as a form of adaptation. Member Ayisha Razzak-Ellis suggested that the meeting times be moved to later in the evening, however there was not a motion made and not enough support in the discussion of the matter for it to be put to a vote.

VII. Committee Member Reports, Comments, Recommendations:

- A. Member Pier Protz petitioned the Committee for volunteers for Night to Shine and talked about several fundraisers that they were having. Member Ayisha Razzak-Ellis mentioned to the committee to use the words “Special Abilities” in lieu of Disability when speaking on a daily basis to show support and inclusion. Vice-Chair Wanda Becton suggested using the mind set of “Person First” instead of seeing a disability first, see the human being first.

VIII. Adjournment:

Chair Kenneth Coley adjourned the meeting at 1:04pm.

***Minutes taken and prepared by MCPD Liaison- Krystal Fuller**