



## COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NOVEMBER 10, 2025

The Commission for Persons with Disabilities convened virtually on Monday, November 10, 2025. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and conference call.

### **Commissioners Present:**

Felicia Clayborne, *Sub Chair*  
Marcia Perkins, *Secretary*  
Willie Johnson Jr., *County Supervisor*  
John Haupt  
Rose Onama  
Sherry Mickelson  
Leon Todd

### **Commissioners Excused:**

Deb Falk-Palec  
Shaneika Baldwin  
Barbara Leigh

### **Staff Present:**

Jacqueline Formanek, *DHHS*  
Julie Lara, *DHHS*

### **Attendees:**

Tina Anderson, *DHHS*  
Carrie Belsky, *Centers for Independence*  
Lakisha LaGrant-Heart, *DHHS*  
Rebecca Rabatin, *Independence First*  
Bekki Schmitt, *DHHS*

## MINUTES

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Sub Chair Felicia Clayborne called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Julie Lara, Office Support Assistant II took roll call. A quorum was present at the start of the meeting.

### **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, AND OCTOBER 13, 2025, COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To accept the September 8, 2025, Commission for Persons with Disabilities meeting minutes

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Todd moved, Johnson Jr. Second)

### **III. ADCR SUPERVISOR OPTIONS COUNSELING LAKISHA LAGRANT-HEART**

Supervisor Lakisha LaGrant-Heart provided an overview and presentation of the Youth to Adult transition for Options Counseling.

#### **IV. SPECIAL REPORTS**

- a. **Informational Item**, Milwaukee County Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr. gave a Splashpad Update.
- b. **Informational Item**, Carrie Belsky, Introduction and Q&A with Commissioners.
- c. **Informational Item**, Rebecca Rabatin, Introduction and Q&A with Commissioners.

#### **V. ACTION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. **Action Item, Planning December Meeting:** No discussion, no comments
- b. **Informational Item**, Chris Fox, Paratransit Compliance Audit Manager, gave his Paratransit Update report.
  - Ridership: September 2025, 31,873 rides. Trending at approximately 87% of pre-Covid rides.
  - OTP: September 2025, 88.59% down from 91.29% in August. Baseline goal is 93%
  - Lower than contracted passengers per service hour and increased ridership are leading to projected budget overages in 2025. The contract productivity target is 1.70 passengers per service hour (PPSH). Year to date average productivity is 1.49 PPSH.

##### **WisGo Implementation on Paratransit**

- Starting January 5, 2026, Transit Plus riders will be able to use their Transit Plus WisGo card to pay their fare on the vans and MCTS buses.
- Transit Plus will be hosting in-person events in January 2026, for riders to attend to learn about the new system and to pick up their new card. Riders who do not attend a session will have their card mailed to them.
- Cash and tickets will still be accepted on the vans; however, \$4 ticket sales will be discontinued in early 2026. Riders are encouraged to use up any remaining tickets prior to paying with their new card.

##### **Transit Plus Same Day Pilot**

- September 2025, ridership (new monthly record) 399 trips with 496 passengers.
  - Slightly up from the previous high of 372 trips and 464 passengers in August.
  - From September 2024-September 2025, the program has provided a total of 2, 073 trips and 2,568 passengers.

**2026 Budget Updates:**

The 2026 Budget is not finalized currently. There have been amendments made to the County Executive's 2026 budget that would help maintain as much transit service as possible on both the fixed route and same day paratransit services. Exactly what the changes for 2026 will look like is still to be determined. Once the plan is finalized, MCTS will be holding public information meetings in the first quarter of 2026 to explain what changes will be taking place.

- c. Discussion Item, Public Comments:** Sub Chair Commissioner Felicia Clayborne and Commissioner Marcia Perkins shared concern having not received their name badges and business cards.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** To adjourn

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Johnson Jr. moved, Onama second)

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM

**NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

Monday, December 8, 2025, at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Lara, Office Support Assistant II