



## COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MARCH 9, 2026

The Commission for Persons with Disabilities was virtually convened on Monday, March 9, 2026. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and conference call.

### **Commissioner's Present:**

Deb Falk-Palec, *Chair*  
Willie Johnson Jr., *Supervisor*  
Shaneika Baldwin  
Felicia Clayborne  
John Haupt  
Barbara Leigh  
Rose Onama  
Leon Todd

### **Commissioners Excused:**

Marcia Perkins, *Secretary*  
Sherry Mickelson

### **Staff Present:**

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

### **Attendees:**

Carrie Belsky, *Centers for Independence*  
Chris Fox, *MCTS*  
Eleuteria Gonzales-Dobbe  
James Halverson  
Harold Mester  
Megan Newman  
Rebecca Rabatin

## MINUTES

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Deb Falk-Palec called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Julie Lara, DHHS System Navigator took roll call. A quorum was present at the start of the meeting.

### II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026, COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION:** To accept February 9, 2026, Commission for Persons with Disabilities meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Todd moved)

### III. SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. **Informational Item, Harold Mester, Director of Public Affairs & Marketing**, Introduction and Q&A, provided a presentation to the Commission on Airport Accessibility.

- b. **Transit Plus Report, Chris Fox, Paratransit Compliance Audit Manager**, gave a monthly update to Commissioners. Report also Provided.

#### IV. ACTION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. **Action Item, Previous/Current Ideas**, Chair Deb Falk-Palec gave a brief update on what happened at the Committee for HealthEquity Strategic Planning of the County Board. And discussed a link she sent for Commission to listen to that meeting.

- **Airport Park:** No update
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS):** No update
- **Housing Status:** County Supervisor Johnson Jr. will try to get an update.
- **Wil-O-Way Splash Pad:** Director Formanek reported that Easter Seals will potentially take over the Wil-O-Way facilities. The county will still oversee programming provided. Not sure if Splash Pads will fall under Easter Seals.
- **Terms of Commission:** Names were moved forward to County Executive's Office in January 2026. Director Formanek has had a meeting with Kyle Ashley and terms should be corrected and updated as of now.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** To adjourn

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Todd moved, Clayborne second)

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

#### NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Monday, April 13, 2026, at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Lara, DHHS System Navigator