



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Commission for Persons with Disabilities

### Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Wednesday, September 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Zoom Only:  
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/81064748721>,  
Meeting ID: 810 6474 8721

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#### Regular Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

#### ROLL CALL

**Present 6**      Member, Co-Chair Mary Callen  
Member, Co-Chair Elizabeth (BJ) Ermenc  
Member Scott Seis  
Member Mary Walz-Chojnacki  
Aldersperson Liaison Joseph Makhoulf II  
Member Nancy Hall

**Excused 2**      Member Heather Birk  
Member Julia Murphy

Also present:  
Laura Laurishke  
Stacy Klemm

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the July 30, 2025, regular meeting [25-1364](#)  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Elizabeth (BJ) Ermenc  
**SECONDER:** Nancy Hall  
**Aye:** 5      Callen, Ermenc, Seis, Walz-Chojnacki, Makhoulf II, and Hall  
**Excused:** 2      Birk, and Murphy

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Wauwatosa Schools update [25-1350](#)  
*Stacy Klemm, Wauwatosa Schools, spoke about the new Recreation Dept. Director, Ted Martin, who is a former principal. He is looking at options for programming for 3 yr. olds, before and after school care services, and opportunities to serve all members of our community. Ideas include Homework club, and continuing plans for school staff to serve in the summer rec programming. The Rec Dept. has partnered with Easter Seals for after care for students in middle school to 21 at West H.S. Stacy mentioned that Katie Berg, of WISPE, has provided in-service training to special ed and regular ed teachers.*

See <https://sites.google.com/cesa1.k12.wi.us/ese/home> for more information regarding professional learning on supporting neuro diverse students.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

2. Commission membership [25-1351](#)

*Stacy will reach out to the advisor for the Best Buddies programs at the high schools to identify a potential student member for our commission.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

3. Social opportunities for Adults with IDD [25-1352](#)

*Discussion continued about the request for programming for adult individual with IDD. Stacy offered some ideas. Nancy Hall will reach out to the Tosa Connect group to generate ideas also. Social isolation, which impacts many adults with IDD, is the current focus for Tosa Connect group. Stacy will explore this topic with the school transition team. Space at the Hart Park Senior center may be an option. A Parent Group of special education students organizes 3 activities a year which might include others with IDD.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

4. Commission report to Common Council [25-1353](#)

*BJ will find out when our commissions report is due this year. Mary WC will put together the report in October.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

5. Wauwatosa Organizational charts [25-1354](#)

*Wauwatosa Organizational charts- BJ will seek this information.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

6. Disability flag [25-1355](#)

*BJ will price a large version of the Disability Pride flag with the goal to fly it at city hall in July to commemorate Disability Pride month.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

7. Budget expenditures for commission [25-1356](#)

*Items may be purchased with our budget through the end of the year. Name tag and lanyards are being considered. Also considered is a tune up for a side-by-side bicycle owned by BJ for use in the parade and other events. BJ will speak with Zach Kessler, Interim City Clerk, about this.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

8. Accessibility inventory [25-1357](#)

*The commission will work with Ryan Wallace from the bike ped committee to make a formal request for the ADA plan for Wauwatosa. We may consult with Robin Palm about this.*

*Alder Mahklouf has been asked to supply the library with a wheelchair or scooter for use within the library to promote access to the collection. BJ will investigate WISTECH resources. Nancy will connect with the library about use of a scooter.*

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

9. Tosa Connects [25-1358](#)
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*Tosa Connects current project is to explore how to connect those who are socially isolated including those with IDD and the most experienced members of our community.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

### **ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT**

**1. Aldermanic update**

[25-1359](#)

*Alder Mahklouf reported on the August Common council meeting which included four resolutions including one to add a council meeting on Sept. 9 to discuss merging the Wauwatosa and West Allis Fire Depts. Also, discussed was the plan commission meeting on Aug 25 which included an 88-pg. report proposing changes to the zoning laws. Rules for parking spaces was also discussed.*

*All alders are up for election in April 2026. The number of alders will go from 16 to 12.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

### **OTHER COMMISSION REPORTS**

**1. Other Commission reports**

[25-1360](#)

*Nancy Hall reported from the Equity and Inclusion committee extended a thank you for the sensory zone and accessible parking area for the parade.*

*Mary WC reported that the housing coalition is working with city hall on tax burden relief due to the housing reassessment. The Wauwatosa Housing week is Oct. 6, 8 and 11 with events on those days. See the health dept for more information.*

**RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**1. Items for next meeting**

[25-1361](#)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 1, 2025**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM*