

April 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

For the Oklahoma City Mayor's Committee on Disability Concerns.

Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Sidna Trimmell- Chair, Adam Lane- Vice-Chair, Lori Wathen- Secretary, Liz Scheffe- Treasurer, Rochelle Alexander, Vera Cheek, Jon Cunningham, Jeff Dismukes, Heather Hancock, James Helm, Scott Hodgden, Greg Morgan, Sasha McCrone, Emily Scott, Lt. David Storer

Committee Members Excused:

Tabitha Pope- Parliamentarian, Ana Covey, Denise Dickerson, Larry Hopper, Dana Tallon, Jeff Wheatley

Committee Members Unexcused: Scott Ellis, Brett Jones, Cap. Audrea George, Shaun Pryor

Call to order.

Called to order at 9:02 am on April 8, 2026, at OKC Central Maintenance Facility Training Center, 3738 SW 15th St, Building 3, Oklahoma City, OK 73108

Welcome and Introductions

Visitors present:

- Gunner James for DRO
- Sue Hollenbeck, OKC (Olympics 28)
- Captain Paul Fredrickson, OKCPD

Public comments:

None.

Reports from Officers:

Approval of Minutes

Minutes: March 2026 Minutes

Liz Scheffe moved to accept the minutes and Adam Lane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Hodgen made motion to excuse the following minutes from reports, and Rochelle Alexander seconded. Motion passed with Emily Scott abstaining.

- March 2025 Minutes
- January 2025 Minutes
- May 2024 Minutes
- February 2024 Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Liz Scheffe- Checking Balance is \$3312.36 \$62.13 award was only expenditure in March

Vice-Chair Report

No report.

Chair Report

Discussed Board/Commission list, will find list and send out to members

Reports from Oklahoma City

Emergency Management:

- Day of Remembrance, Arts Festival, Memorial Marathon, Thunder playoffs are all taking place in April. FIFA Cup is making a stop in OKC, A metal step from the Twin Towers will be placed in OKC. Reminder to subscribe to AHAS (Accessible Hazard Alert System) and register your storm shelter.

EMBARK

- No Report

City ADA Coordinator:

- Scott Hodgden reported ODOT inspection SW 59th from Penn to I:44, First Americans Museum Boat Landing final, Kupper Sports Complex, Accessibility Awareness Interview, Final on Villa Ave NW

13th to 30th, Ollie Apartments, Residential resurfacing with ADA upgrades, final inspection NW 47th to Grand, ODOT inspection from SW 59th from Portland to I:44, then Penn to Blackwelder, final trail repairs starting at FAM and working east (6 different locations), MAPS community project from Western Ave from NW 24th to NW 36th , along NW 34th St and NW 32nd St from Western Ave to Walker Ave, SW 29th St from May Ave to Penn Ave north side of 29th.

Oklahoma City Planning:

- 1M ADA transition plan is in process
- Olympics (Susan Hollenbeck)
 - July 14-30, 2028, Canoe Slalom @ White Water Center, Softball @ Devon Park, Paralympics- no sports, 160-170 athletes in OKC, 21 Medals (6-slalom, 1ea in softball), working on site plans and venues, security and layout, etc., estimating 500k visitors daily, events will be 9am-noon daily, okc will first on tv, transportation is still in process, working on accessibility in downtown/bricktown, large security component but a unique opportunity for OK.
 - Sidna asked about Olympic Village? “yes but location not public”.
 - Scott asked about soccer fields used as viewing venue? “Yes, maybe the ballpark, convention center, scissortail park, paycom and other sites too.”
 - “official signage coming soon”
 - Sidna asked about mascot? “there will be a LA28 mascot”

Reports:

ADA Workshop – Sidna Trimmell

- No report

Barrier-Free Design – Scott Ellis

- No report

Outreach – Liz Scheffe

No report. Posting to FB as requests come in.

Emergency Response – Dana Tallon

- **No report**

Membership Review – Lori Wathen

We received application for Gunner James as new rep for Disability Rights Oklahoma.

OK Let's Talk 2025 event – Sidna Trimmell

- Need to schedule meeting

New Business

- Blue Envelope Program- OKC PD in collaboration with other PDs, is a no cost tool for anyone with communication challenges, fill out the blue envelope and keep in glove box, if you get pulled over hand it to the officer during interaction. Every officer is trained in the blue envelope program. This will give driver/passenger additional time during stop and other accommodations. It has been translated to Spanish/Vietnamese. Sidna asked how they are getting word out about program, he stated via social media, but they are open to other outreach opportunities. There is limited supply of envelopes. Emily mentioned other similar programs like the Special Needs Alert System where you can put info of PwD in your home, this program is free also. Visit OKC.gov and search awareness notification form. Emily will send flyer that they produced that lists all similar programs available.
- MCDC Gathering- Open meeting act in effect, and this would be official meeting and notice to city would have to be given. There was discussion on the open meeting act and how no accommodations for PwD. There was discussion to switch to a regular meeting date/time and bring in breakfast for fellowship and short business meeting. Tabled to June, suggested to host during Sept meeting.

Reports from members on boards and commissions

No reports

Announcements from Members

Children's Child Abuse Prevention Resource Fair 4/9

OK Caregiver Coalition 4/16

Moore Community Baby Shower on 4/18 from 10-12pm at Moore Library

Sibling Camp 4/24-4/26

OKDHS Get Connected Resource Fair 4/23

TAFB Autism Symposium 4/24

Supporting Minorities with Disabilities Coaliton 4/29 (virtual)

OKC Caregiver Retreat 5/1-5/2

Accessible Auto Show @United Access Apr 14-18 9-4pm, cookout on Sat 4/18 @2pm, Adam will

share flyer

Adjournment

Roshelle motion to adjourned meeting at 10:16 a.m.