

## Invitation to Participate

The Commission on Disability typically meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Levi Lincoln Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 455 Main St. Please check meeting notices at City Hall, on the City website:

[www.worcesterma.gov](http://www.worcesterma.gov)

or on the Worcester government channel, Charter cable channel 12.

**If you would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Commission, you can speak during the public comment period of the meeting or make a request to address the Commission by contacting Jayna Turchek, at (508) 799-1152 or by email to: [disabilities@worcesterma.gov](mailto:disabilities@worcesterma.gov)**

## To request an Accommodation

The City of Worcester is committed to making all public meetings accessible to the public. Please contact Jayna Turchek to request an accommodation. Please note that we may require 1-2 weeks advance notification to request sign interpreters.

## Administration

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.  
*City Manager*

Jayna Turchek  
*Director of Human Rights &  
Disabilities  
& ADA Coordinator*

Dawn Clark  
*Disability Intake Coordinator*

## Commission Members

Francesca Abbey  
Robert Bilotta  
Robert Bureau  
Herbert Cremer  
Nancy Garr-Colzie, *Vice Chair*  
Paul Keister, *Chairperson*  
Elizabeth Myska  
Joseph Prochilo  
Douglas Russell, Jr.  
Stephen Stolberg  
Susan Swanson

*Working together to improve  
accessibility & understanding*

City of Worcester, Massachusetts



## Commission on Disability

### **Mission Statement**

*The Commission ensures that all Worcester residents and visitors with disabilities have access to city programs and services by providing information and referral, advocacy, outreach and educational programs.*

Human Rights & Disabilities  
Outreach Office, Room 303  
Office of the Director, Room 311  
City Hall - 455 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

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## **Become a Commission Member**

Membership is open to Worcester residents who have lived in the city for at least one year and are registered voters. Contact Jeannie Michelson at 508-799-1175 for more information. An application can also be obtained on the city's website:

**[www.worcesterma.gov/boards-commissions](http://www.worcesterma.gov/boards-commissions)**

*Classification:* Advisory Board

*Term:* Three (3) years

*Membership:* Seven regular members, five associates; appointed by the city manager.

*Special requirements for nomination:* A majority shall consist of people with disabilities; one member may be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disabilities.

***Your voice matters!***

***You can make a difference by contributing to the work of the city!***

## **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Encourage public awareness of disability issues.
  - Review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services and activities of city departments to bring about full and equal participation by people with disabilities.
- Monitor the city's development for the proper accessibility protocols.
- Provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability.
- Submit an annual report to the city manager stating the undertakings of the commission, its accomplishments, conclusions and recommendations concerning the status of persons with disabilities in Worcester.

## **Activities**

- Monitor the City's progress regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan.
- Review Handicap Parking violation statistics.
- Monitor Accessible taxi cab statistics.
- Advise the Public Works Department on critically needed repairs and annual expenditure of \$200,000 for accessibility of sidewalks.
- Review and comment on local applications before the MA Architectural Access Board.
- Provide trainings for the community on disability related topics.
- Select groups who serve the disability community to use Union Station's Grand Hall for free for fundraising events.