

Atlantic County
Disability Advisory Board
Minutes: Nov 10, 2020

Attendance: Joanne Gahr, CheeKa Wu, Doortje Schipper, Linda Klersey, Bob Ross, Trinna Rodgers

Excused: Mark Petrella, Joe Brown, Ryan Penn

Absent: Carol Ditmire, Maureen Kern

Public: Donald Campbell

Ex-Officio: Cristine Chickadel

Freeholder:

I. Call to Order: at 12:34 by Cristine Chickadel

II. Approval of Minutes: The September minutes approved.

III.

Committee Reports:

A. Legislation:

1. As pertinent to the early 2021 planned Atlantic County Accessibility Audit: Sidewalk Accessibility Case settled with the DOJ. [United States Files Statement of Interest in San Juan | Certified Access Specialist Institute \(casinstitute.org\)](#)
2. 30th Anniv. Year DOJ Blog posts highlighting the impact that ADA enforcement efforts have made in people's everyday lives. Stories/ legislature: [Furthering the Promise: Increasing Opportunities for Education | OPA | Department of Justice](#)
3. Trinna reported: NJ State Senate Bill 2785-passed. Long term care facilities, in light of pandemic: [S2785 \(state.nj.us\)](#)

B. Access:

1. Joann reported: TX ruling to change social workers code of ethics. <https://www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/texas-reverses-decision-allowed-social-workers-deny-lgbtq-disabled-clients-n1245006>

IV. Old Business:

December holiday luncheon cancelled due to Covid.

V. New Business:

1. Linda K requested more car placards for parking violators, as it continues to be an issue in the community.

VI. Good and Welfare:

Positive report of Chairman Brown's recovery and board's well wishes.

VII. Public Comment: Donald Campbell of Atlantic Center for Independent Living presented info on a new ruling that makes it difficult for non-lawyer advocates to assist individuals with and IEP, and requested our advocacy contribution. [☞ Call To Action: NJ Supreme Court Seeks Parent Feedback on Opinion 56 \(constantcontact.com\)](#)

Donald also reported newly hired, activities specialist Miki Liang, assisting the center with bolstering their outreach and public participation. [Atlantic Center for Independent Living \(atlanticcil.org\)](#)

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm

Next meeting date March 9th, 2021, 12:30 pm