

Atlantic County
Disability Advisory Board
Minutes: June 8, 2021

Attendance: Bob Ross, Joanne Gahr, Linda Klersey, Trinna Rodgers, Ryan Penn, Susan Coll-Guedes, Doortje Fenwick-Schipper, CheeKa Wu

Excused: Joe Brown

Absent: Carol Ditmire

Public: - Anthony Lanzilotti, Dan Solt

Ex-Officio: Cristine Chickadel

Commissioner: -

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

II. Approval of Minutes: The May minutes approved.

III.

Committee Reports:

A. Legislation:

1. June 7, 2021: DOJ filed Statement of Interest regarding heights of beds too high for individuals who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices per lawsuit, Migyanko vs. Aimbridge Hospitality, LLC (an international chain of 1300 hotels) [Statement of Interest of the United States in Migyanko v. Aimbridge Hospitality \(ada.gov\)](#)

Doortje commented that bed heights in NY are too high, as she has experienced.

This law correlated to Joe Brown's 2011 Advocacy work, as attached.

B. Access:

1. Susan reported on accessible parking issues at schools. Chairman Brown previously requested this issue as a focus of a 2021 initiative.

Susan reported people parking in spaces that 'quickly run in' briefly, causes problems for students and staff who need the space. Efforts planned per curriculum requirements for school year 2021-2022, via public presentations at the Board of Ed levels to educate staff, students and the public on this issue. Susan suggests our board's additional input to spread awareness. Children who can assist in lead change by adult behaviors.

Cristine suggested using our previous PSA to re-distribute. Susan will help lead this new initiative. Linda K agreed to assist.

IV. Old Business:

1. Sykes Awards public call for recipients this summer.

V. New Business:

1. Planning to begin this summer for new initiative ‘Don’t Block the Spot’ at our county schools.

VI. Good and Welfare:

VII. Public Comment:

Anthony Lanzilotti. A Stockton Law Student and disabled resident interested in contributing to board efforts.

Dan Solt. Atlantic County Dept. of Law and adjunct professor at Stockton U, teaching Disability Law. Interested in the information presented on the board’s projects and information.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm

Have a wonderful, safe summer!

Next meeting date September 14th, 2021, expected to be ‘in person’... and fabulous –STAY TUNED.