

**Atlantic County**  
**Disability Advisory Board**  
**Minutes: September 14, 2021**

**Attendance:** Joe Brown, Christine Wilson, Linda Klersey, Ryan Penn, Susan Coll-Guedes, Doortje Fenwick-Schipper, CheeKa Wu

**Excused:**

**Absent:** Joann Gahr, Trinna Rodgers

**Public:** Donald Campbell, Dawn Padick

**Ex-Officio:** Cristine Chickadel

**Commissioner:** -

**I. Call to Order:** at 12:36 pm by Joe Brown

**II. Approval of Minutes:** The June minutes approved.

**III.**

**Committee Reports:**

***A. Legislation:***

1. Ryan reported DDD has a fund to increase modifications in home. More projects happening through home insurance company and funding allocations.

***B. Access:***

1. Chee Ka reported an issue with 3-hour parking exceptions for disabled placards in Atlantic City, people still being ticketed. Dawn Padick (public participant) shared info and other members suggested attaching regulation and to contest tickets received when within this allotted exception.  
<https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/Guide%20to%20Accessible%20Parking-Web.pdf>
2. Doortje reported heavy door pulls at public places such as: Burger King, Wawa, and Michaels. Linda Klersey mentioned this same issue in Galloway Library.
3. Linda K reported parking issues at a nail salon recently. She used to be more patient with this ongoing frustration of people blocking accessible spots and access aisles. Joe B. Reported great access at the Linwood Arbortorium.

#### **IV. Old Business:**

1. Susan reported the NJ Coalition for Inclusive Education does a poster contest. This may be a good topic to collaborate with the new curriculum mandate on disability instruction and our intention of the parking accessibility at schools. Getting the attention of children in disability advocacy can be impactful.
2. Sykes Awards organization was discussed.

#### **V. New Business:**

1. Bob Ross and Carol Ditmire requested their resignation from the Board.
3. Joe discussed vote for expiring terms of Joe B, Trinna, Carol and Joann.

#### **VI. Good and Welfare:**

Abilities Fair upcoming: Oct 1-3 in Edison NJ. [Abilities Expo 2021 in NJCEC - Edison, NJ \(expofp.com\)](#)

#### **VII. Public Comment:**

Donald Campbell of the Atlantic Center for Independent Living was present and discussed many of the services of the local CIL, no cost services for anyone that identifies with having a disability, including peer support, disability groups, transition services, advocacy. They moved offices recently. [Atlantic Center for Independent Living, Inc. - Atlantic Center for Independent Living \(atlanticcil.org\)](#)

**VII. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm

**Next meeting date November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021: 12:30pm**