



DISABILITY AWARENESS AND ACCESSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD (DAARB) MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
City Hall – City Attorney’s Conference Room
224 W. 9th St., Sioux Falls, SD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathleen Zepeda, Pat Herman, Josh Mueller, Michele Snyders, Amber Finnesand, Nick Kiesow

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jamie Reindl, Mychelle Garrigan

STAFF PRESENT

Lyndsey Meier

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Zepeda called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcomed Lindsey Madsen-Sandvig who was present and has been appointed to the Board beginning July 2026.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Snyders to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 25TH MEETING AND APRIL 17TH ARTABILITY MEETING

Motion by Herman, seconded by Mueller to approve the March 25th meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Herman, seconded by Snyders to approve the April 17th ArtAbility minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lindsey Madsen-Sandvig appointed with term beginning July 2026.
- b. Garrigan’s term expires this month and she is not seeking reappointment. DAARB has one vacancy and Meier asked members for recommendations for anyone that may be interested in serving.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

- a. Marketing, Education, and Public Needs (Zepeda, Finnesand). No update.

- b. Community Outreach (Reidl, Garrigan, Herman). ArtAbility debrief. Meier shared notes from Reidl in her absence. 95 pieces of art were submitted including 30 first-time artists. Board consensus that the event was once again successful with a good turnout and not overcrowded. Safety concerns arose with the steepness of east ramp into the venue and Board discussed considering alternative venues for next year's event.
- c. Highlighting Accessibility (Reidl, Mueller, Snyders). Snyders provided update. They completed video recording with Rich Murphy from City Link at the Denny Sanford Premier Center. Kevin Earlywine, who will be doing the voice overs for the series was also in attendance. The script for Jacobsen Plaza has been approved and next in the series is the bike path and Midco Aquatic Center.

OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

- a. On behalf of Reidl, Meier shared Board consideration of hosting an open forum/town hall regarding government changes in disability rights. Board discussed with Snyders suggesting more educational awareness and how to contact and voice your opinion to legislators.
- b. Mueller shared upcoming ADA events including ADA Night at The Levitt on Saturday July 11th, Beer & Bingo at Severance Brewing Co. on Thursday, July 16th, and Good Bad Things showing at the State Theatre on Wednesday, July 22nd. Meier will send promotional materials to the Board to share with their networks.
- c. Herman shared information about the Blue Envelope Program that will be announced next month at City Hall. The initiative was a collaboration between USD Center for Disabilities, the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, and Sioux Falls Police Department. The program supports individuals with autism during traffic stops and emergencies by providing visual cues to officers that the individual may require specific communication accommodations, helping to reduce misunderstandings and anxiety.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Snyders, seconded by Mueller to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsey Meier
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