

Commission on People with Disabilities

November 12, 2025, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tonya Gilchrist, Chair Jamila Michael-Sobratti, Vice-Chair

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Link

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Agenda

- 6:05 Call to Order & Approval of October 2025 Meeting Minutes Tonya Gilchrist, Chair
- **6:10** State Hiring Initiatives for People with Disabilities Jade Gingerich, Executive Director, Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy, Maryland Department of Disabilities
- 6:40 Montgomery County Police Department and their Work with People with Disabilities Work with Autism/IDD, Alzheimer's and Dementia Officer Laurie Reyes, Special Operations Division, Autism/IDD, Alzheimer's/Dementia Unit Education Outreach Empowerment Follow-up Response; Crisis intervention Team Officers Amy Stoughton and Kelly Cox
- **7:10** Updates Ex-Officio Members, Commission Members
- **7:25 Community Speaks** Public invited to make comments, 2-minute limit, time permitting. For profit companies who want to speak should contact the Commission in advance. The Open Meetings Act does not afford the public any right to participate in the meeting, it does assure the public right to observe the meeting and the making of decisions by the public body at open meetings. Public participants generally are not invited to speak during presentations and time is set aside at the end of the meeting to allow the public to speak. This policy will be strictly enforced moving forward.

7:30 Adjourn

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