

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES OF THE HYBRID ARLINGTON COUNTY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Monday February 9, 2026

The DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION convened its meeting at 6:00PM_on February 9, 2026.

PRESENT (IN-PERSON): Commissioner Karen Audant

PRESENT (VIRTUALLY) Commissioner Elizabeth Prialx, participated virtually from home (via Teams) per VA. CODE § 2.2-3701 that prevented their physical attendance.

Commissioner Laura Kim participated virtually from home (via Teams) per VA. CODE § 2.2-3701 that prevented their physical attendance.

Commissioner Marilyn McAlice participated virtually from home (via Teams) per VA. CODE § 2.2-3701 that prevented their physical attendance.

Commissioner Bryant Atkins participated virtually from home (via Teams) per VA. CODE § 2.2-3701 that prevented their physical attendance.

Commissioner Andrew An participated virtually from home (via Teams) per VA. CODE § 2.2-3701 that prevented their physical attendance.

Commissioner Justin Boatner participated virtually from home (via Teams) per VA. CODE § 2.2-3701 that prevented their physical attendance.

ABSENT Commissioner Duncan Barron

STAFF Courtney Sales

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Community Residences, Inc. CRi -Mrs. Ann Klofkorn-Bloome,

Mrs. Klofkorn Bloome, grants writer for CRi, provided an overview of CRi's mission, history, and programs including services for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and mental health disabilities. Ann discussed 10 Arlington-based programs serving 54 adults, emphasized person-centered care, and noted challenges such as staffing and transportation for community engagement.

- [Presentation Link](#)

Staff Liaison Report

Staff liaison, Courtney Sales, reported that the total disability regional grant funding for FY 2027 and FY 2028 currently remains at \$111,908 pending April budget adoption.

Staff liaison was informed; the system used by the county's finance team accepts dollar amounts (only). The revised amounts shown below were recommended to the chair. The updated allocations were approved by the chair and submitted to the County Board for funding recommendations:

- Brain Injury Services – \$22,381.00
- Northern Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing – \$22,382.00
- ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia – \$22,382.00
- Our Stomping Ground – \$22,382.00
- Prevention of Blindness Society – \$22,381.00

Chair's Report –Commissioner Karen

DAC chair, Karen, reported on her meeting with County Board Liaison JD Spain, who expressed strong support for DAC's work. Topics discussed included:

- Participation in the March 16, 2026, Community Engagement Event.
 - DAC's chair, Karen, will serve as a panelist at the event.
- STAR Paratransit audit follow-up planned for April 2026.
- Support for accessibility/ADA senior liaison FY27 budget position.

Grants Review and Process Improvement –Commissioner Marilyn

Commissioner Marilyn will lead an after-action review to improve the regional grant rating process. Objectives include simplifying the scoring rubric, limiting attachments, and exploring external reviewers. Commissioners are encouraged to send feedback directly to Commissioner Marilyn.

Strategic Planning Discussion (FY 2027–FY2028)

Key ideas discussed:

- Conduct a gap analysis to identify where the County is not meeting ADA and accessibility obligations.
- Explore formal engagement with the Virginia Legislature for education and awareness.
- Advocate for adaptive recreation and accessible facilities.
- Strengthen transportation equity and housing accessibility initiatives.

Transportation Updates – Commissioner Elizabeth

Commissioner Elizabeth reported on her participation in Arlington's Transportation Master Plan Advisory Committee and requested DAC's feedback on 23 proposed goals by March 1, 2026. Commissioner Elizabeth raised accessibility concerns related to 'walkability' and the reduction of parking for individuals with mobility limitations.

Upcoming Event

1. Arlington County Government Commission on Aging's Community Engagement Forum
 - Date: March 16, 2026
 - Focus: Transportation and Community Accessibility
 - Chair Karen will serve as panelist.

2. Commissioner Elizabeth will be coordinating DAC's participation and accessibility planning.

Next Steps and Action Items

Action	Responsible Party	Due Date
Provide transportation goal feedback.	All Commissioners	March 1, 2026
Draft ADA Senior Liaison justification.	Chair Karen	April 2026
Begin grant review process.	Commissioner Marilyn	March 2026
Schedule STAR audit follow-up with auditors.	Staff Liaison Courtney	April 2026
Develop FY27–28 strategic framework	Commission	March Meeting

MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES

Commissioner Andrew motioned to approve the drafted January 12, 2026, meeting minutes.

- Commissioner Marilyn seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously supported the motion 7-0.

Commissioner Duncan was absent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.