

# COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

City Hall Annex, Conference Room C  
999 Broad Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021  
Time: 6:00 PM – 6:40 PM  
Meeting held on Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larry Robinson, Elliott Calderon (Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Donald Donaldson (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) & Brenda Dye (Secretary).

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Nettie Jenkins

**LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION:** Sha'Kenya Whittaker, ADA Clerical Assistant

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**Elliott Calderon:** Bring meeting to order.

## DISCUSSIONS:

1. Sha'Kenya reported that the City of Bridgeport offices are scheduled to open on June 1, 2021. The June Commission meeting might be held at City Hall Annex.

2. Sha'Kenya expressed disappointment that communication with the members of the CPD was very little since the April meeting, except with Elliott (she was hoping for more inter-action with the other members).

Jerome's response: As usual, he communicated his concerns to the Chairperson and understands that the Chairperson communicated issues and concerns to the Liaison for the CPD.

Per Larry Robinson: CPD & Liaison relationship to remain the same. The Chairperson presents to the Liaison and the Liaison presents to the City of Bridgeport for the CPD.

Zoom Meeting cut off at 6:33

Zoom Meeting resumed at 6:42 and called to order at 6:44

3. Question - Don to Larry: What is your job title?

Larry's response: "I am the Supervisor in the Office for Disabilities and I report to the Health Dept Director."

**21-0513-01:** Recommend CPD at this time will not pursue alternative for badges. Agreed to wait for response from Terron. **UNANIMOUS**

**21-0513-02:** Vote to recommend that Elliott draft letter addressed to Nettie Jenkins about excess absences, therefore will be removed from the CPD (draft to be presented to the CPD for approval). **UNANIMOUS**

**21-0513-03:** Recommend table discussion about CPD project ideas until next meeting. **UNANIMOUS**

**21-0513-04:** Vote to adjourn at 7:00 PM. **UNANIMOUS**

**Next Meeting Scheduled:** June 10, 2021 - Time: 6:00 PM

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**Brenda Dye, Secretary**

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**Elliott Calderon, Chairperson**

**Commission for People with Disabilities – Meeting May 13, 2021, no changes to follow-up items**

**Follow-up Items**

1. Identification Badges for all Bridgeport Commissions expected by end of year 2018
2. Larry Robinson to share information at next meeting with the Commission that might be helpful as guide to use when introducing ourselves as Commissioners to the community
3. Handicap Rest Rooms and Handicap Parking - Lack of Handicap Rest Rooms and Handicap Parking at Beardsley Park – Angel DePara and Chairperson, Elliott
4. Develop plans to participate in HEALTH FAIR
5. Pledge of Allegiance at beginning of meeting
6. Follow-up response to Letter to Mayor see notes June Minutes item 19-0613-03
7. Event for Special Needs Community - Lorretta suggested fund raising & solicit corporate location & corporate support & to research security for McLevy Park.