

Invitation to Participate

The Accessibility Advisory Commission typically meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm Please check meeting notices at City Hall, on the City website:

www.worcesterma.gov

or on the Worcester government channel, Charter cable channel 12.

If you would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Commission, you can speak during the public comment period of the meeting or make a request to address the Commission by contacting us at accessibility@worcesterma.gov

To request an Accommodation

The City of Worcester is committed to making all public meetings accessible to the public. Please contact staff to request an accommodation. American Sign Language interpretation is provided for our meetings.

Administration

Eric D. Batista
City Manager

Victor Perez, Interim
*Director of Human Rights &
Accessibility
& ADA Coordinator*

Dawn Clark
Coordinator of Disability Rights Projects

Commission Members

Robert Bureau, Chairperson
James Delage
John Finn
Darya Kuruna
Elizbeth Myska, Vice Chairperson
Joseph Prochilo
Stephen Stolberg

*Working together to improve
accessibility & understanding*

City of Worcester, Massachusetts



Accessibility Advisory Commission

Mission Statement

The Commission ensures that all Worcester residents and visitors with disabilities have access to city programs and services by providing information and referral, advocacy, outreach and educational programs.

Human Rights & Accessibility
City Hall - 455 Main St.
Worcester, MA 01608
Phone: 508-799-8486

Email:

accessibility@worcesterma.gov

Web:

www.worcesterma.gov/disabilities

The City of Worcester is committed to principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

Become a Commission Member

Membership is open to Worcester residents who have lived in the city for at least one year. Contact Jeannie Michelson at 508-799-1175 for more information.

The online application can also be found on the city's website:

www.worcesterma.gov/boards-commissions

Classification: Advisory Board

Term: Three (3) years

Membership: Seven regular members, five associates; appointed by the city manager.

Special requirements for nomination: A majority shall consist of people with disabilities; one member may be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disabilities.

***Your voice matters!
You can make a difference by contributing to the work of the city!***

Duties and Responsibilities

- Encourage public awareness of disability issues.
 - Review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services and activities of city departments to bring about full and equal participation by people with disabilities.
- Monitor the city's development for the proper accessibility protocols.
- Provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability.
- Submit an annual report to the city manager stating the undertakings of the commission, its accomplishments, conclusions and recommendations concerning the status of persons with disabilities in Worcester.

Activities

- Monitor the City's progress regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan.
- Review Handicap Parking violation statistics.
- Monitor Accessible taxi cab statistics.
- Advise the Public Works Department on critically needed repairs and annual expenditure of \$200,000 for accessibility of sidewalks.
- Review and comment on local applications before the MA Architectural Access Board.
- Provide trainings for the community on disability related topics.
- Select groups who serve the disability community to use Union Station's Grand Hall for free for fundraising events.