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**Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Bristol, CT 06010**

**Meeting Agenda
September 9, 2026**

7:00 PM – City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1 and Virtual Format

Our Mission

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Reasonable Accommodation Statement

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Present:

Absent:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: June 10, 2026

Presentation: Dr. Everett Lyons, President, Bristol Lions Club
Topic- Bristol Lions Club, Mission and Program Initiatives

New/Current Business

*Final report on Disability Awareness Forum: scheduling of presenters, technology demos, promotion of event

*Chairman Micari: Regarding a presentation at the August 4th Rotary Club meeting to discuss the October 17th Sensory Information Forum, the Club awarded the

Commission a Grant of \$300.00 to offset Interpreter Costs for the Sensory Information Forum. Bristol Rotary will also be listed as a Forum Sponsor.
*Lindsey Norton: Presentation of updated Resource List on Commission website.
*Commissioner Graime: Summary of ADACC Webinar, 7-23-26

Old Business

None

Correspondence

*Chairman Micari to Karen Green of ADACC: I am pleased to inform you that the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring an Information Forum on Saturday, October 17th, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM at the Bristol Public Library, 5 High Street, Bristol CT 06010. TOPIC: Sensory Information Awareness--What Is It Like To Be Deaf in a Hearing World? What Is It Like To Be Blind in a Sighted World? I am inviting you to this FORUM and requesting that you "spread the word." I will forward a Flier as soon as it is ready.

*Chairman Micari to Dr. Everett Lyons, Bristol Lions Club President: Thanks again for agreeing to speak at our September 9th Commission meeting. I would also like to reach out to Bristol Lions, to serve as a "Co-Sponsor" along with Bristol Rotary, of our October 17th Sensory Information Forum. (Forum information included.) Please consider assisting the Commission with a \$300.00 grant to defray the costs of American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters at the forum. I would be happy to discuss this request in greater detail.

Public Participation

Motion to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned:

Next meeting: October 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM City Hall
3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1

Presentation: Kevin McCauley and Jolene Lusitani, Registrars of Voters

Submitted by

Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary

Join Zoom Meeting

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Present: Micari, Bajurny, Ewings, Krolkowski, Reed, Salmoiraghi, Tyler

Absent: Graime

Call to order: 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2026 (Krolkowski/Ewings, passed)

Presentation: Allison Fell, OCC Therapy, CT Children's Medical Center Farmington, CT

Children's occupational therapy (OT) is a specialized healthcare practice that helps kids develop the cognitive, physical, and sensory skills needed to master daily activities. For children, these "occupations" primarily include playing, learning, socializing, and completing self-care tasks like dressing and eating.

CT Children's Center is the only free standing children's hospital in CT with satellite locations in Farmington, Hartford, Glastonbury, Danbury and Westport. Occupational therapy is only done at the center unless you utilize Tele-health.

Range of services has changed over the years to meet the demands needed to help families and community. Ages range from preemies to young adults. Providing short episodes of care empower patient and family to have the skills to increase independence because families are always in the session and learning too. Examples: motor skills, sensory processing & regulation, executive functioning skills, feeding teams, etc.

New/Current Business

- Regarding the Disability Awareness Forum on Saturday October 17, 1:00-3:00 at the Bristol Public Library
 - Chairman Micari announced Commissioners Reed and Bajurny plan to organize 3 to 4 speakers
 - Debbie Reed to demonstrate the latest assistive technology and daily living aids: for example: Audio Script talk, audio label reader, pen friend, audio labeler, bump dots to put on stove, difference shapes and tactile., liquid level sensor that will beep to let you know glass is full.
 - Suggestion to extend the Forum time to 3:30pm.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Good-natured conversation and reminiscences by our audience.

Motion to adjourn: Krolikowski/Ewings, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 8:23 PM

Next meeting: September 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1

Presentation: TBD

Submitted by Diane Salmoiraghi