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

**Meeting Agenda - Revised
October 8, 2025**

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

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Reasonable Accommodation Statement

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Present:

Absent:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2025

Presentation: Voter Registrars Kevin McCauley (D) and Jolene Lusitani (R)
Demonstration of voting devices

New/Current Business

Old Business

Correspondence

***From Chairman Micari to Maureen Amirault:** Hello Maureen. On behalf of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities, I thank you for your recent presentation at our September Commission meeting. The presentation was very informative, including a detailed and comprehensive review and discussion concerning the Connecticut Wheelchair Law, Wheelchair Repair Law and Wheelchair Coalition role and responsibilities. Your presentation was well received by our Commissioners and gallery guests, who appreciated your Q&A interaction and your knowledge and understanding of all aspects this important consumer protection law. Sincerely, Daniel "Dan" Micari

***From Beth Kanachovski of Advocates for Bristol Seniors to Chairman Micari**

Hello Dan, You inquired about donations this year being handed out. I know they are not meeting till November. There should be a donations discussion at that time. Carol Kallberg is the current acting President. I did not keep my board position with the Advocates this past June. You or a representative of your committee could attend our November meeting and request funding for a specific job or need. Good luck, glad we could help you out in years past. Sincerely, Beth Kanachovski

***From Chairman Micari to Beth Kanachovski of Advocates for Bristol Seniors**

Thank you Beth. I will certainly try to attend your November meeting and to submit a funding request for assistance needed for hard wire installation of smoke/carbon dioxide detectors in the homes of Bristol Residents who are deaf or hearing impaired. Please let me know the date of your meeting. Dan Micari

***From Chairman Micari to Karen Green of ADACC,** requesting updated municipal membership fee along with recent tabs for the Commission plaque.

Public Participation

Motion to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned:

Next meeting: November 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1

Presentation: TBD

Submitted by,

Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bristolct-gov.zoom.us/j/88512009314?pwd=cDdReHV2VWt3eVE2SnYySFhMeWtvdz09>
Passcode: 12345

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Present: Micari, Olsen, Bajurny, Ewings, Graime, Krolikowski, Reed

Absent: Salmoiraghi

Call to order: 7:05 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2025 (Krolikowski/Ewings, passed)

Presentation: Maureen Amirault, Connecticut Wheelchair Reform Coalition

Ms. Amirault provided a comprehensive and engaging report on the status of the Wheelchair Repair Law, effective since July 1, 2024. Repairs that formerly averaged a 100-day wait time due to “supply-chain issues,” now must be completed within 10 business days, either at the shop or at the consumer’s home. The law clearly specifies the repair timeline, allowing for ordering of parts or for prior authorization. The two wheelchair repair providers in CT are NuMotion (for in-home clients, 860-671-0700) and National Seating and Mobility (for nursing home clients, 860-666-7500).

Consumers are urged to keep a record of all contacts to these providers.

The following resources are available to consumers who need further assistance:

*Wheelchair Repair Advisory Council meets monthly to discuss obstacles and solutions (860-470-6514)

*CT Wheelchair Reform Coalition for service complaints. You will be directed to complete an advocate inquiry form (bit.ly/reportwheelchairdelaysct). You also may contact the Office of CT Health Care Advocate directly (866-466-4446)

New/Current Business

*Chairman Micari announced an upcoming mayoral debate on Tuesday, October 28, 6:00-8:30PM at Bristol Arts & Innovation Magnet School (BAIMS).

Interpreters will be funded by the Chamber of Commerce.

*Deborah Reed was introduced as our new Commissioner.

Old Business

*Emergency Management Director Harley Graime reported on the long-standing smoke alarm project. The Red Cross will offer installation free of charge.

However, individuals will be responsible for the electrical work needed for hard wiring. Chairman Micari will pursue funding for strobe installation.

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

*ASL Interpreter Jon Sahlin announced his annual performance at the Truck Bar in Berlin on November 1. More information at a later meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Krolikowski/Ewings, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 8:45PM

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