

Daniel A. Micari, Commissioner, Chairperson
Tracy Beland, Commissioner
Gloria Ewings, Commissioner
Ruth Ann Graime, Commissioner, Secretary
Greg Klimek, Commissioner
Joseph Krolikowski, Commissioner
Shannon Welburn, Commissioner
Jacqueline Olsen, City Council Liaison



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

**Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022**

7:00 PM – Bristol Public Library, Community Room 2 and Virtual Format

Our Mission

To promote inclusion and improve the quality of life for people in Bristol with a disability, by providing a network of partnerships with local resources that foster self-sufficiency, dignity, and respect

Reasonable Accommodation Statement

The Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities is committed to equal access to, and participation in, all meetings and Commission-sponsored programs and events. Individuals who require an accommodation in order to fully participate, including physical access, communication assistance, or other special need, should contact Daniel A. Micari at damicari@yahoo.com, at least seven business days prior to the scheduled meeting, program, or event.

Present: Micari, Olsen, Ewings, Graime, Klimek, Krolikowski,

Absent: Beland, Welburn

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

Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2022 (Ewings/Krolikowski, passed)

Presentation: Kevin McCauley, Registrar of Voters (D)

Mr. McCauley (Kevin) demonstrated the voting process, discussed the role of the Moderators, distributed sample ballots, and responded to individual questions. He explained that, while traditional voting procedures remain, various audio and visual options are now available, including headphones, keypads, and Braille tabs. Nursing home residents, considered absentee voters, receive supervised assistance. Regarding the possible incidence of Independent Monitors at the polls, only credentialed monitors are permitted. Kevin informed us that CT ranks #5 in the U.S. for its security regulations.

New/Current Business

*Discussion on the Transportation Forum: Commissioner Krolikowski expressed that the presentations were too lengthy and frequently veered from the subject at hand. He suggested reducing the number of speakers and streamlining the program to allow more audience comments and questions. Exhibitor tables were well-received. Chairman Micari suggested a different format entirely: a series of focused workgroups. He asked the Logistics Subcommittee (Commissioners Krolikowski and Ewings) to collate the Forum feedback to determine areas of further interest. Discussion to continue in the November meeting.

*Commissioner Graime suggested our Commission's presence in the upcoming meeting of the Transportation Commission.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Because the Interpreter communicated with three members of the public, their participation was incorporated throughout the meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Klimek/Ewings, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 8:40 PM

Next meeting: November 9 at 7:00 PM, Bristol Public Library

Presentation: Esther Pearl, North Central Regional Director,
Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut

**Submitted by,
Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary**

