

# City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432



## Meeting Minutes - Pending Approval

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

5:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

## Committee on Citizens with Disabilities

### *Committee Members*

*Pam Heavens*

*Kim Hudgens*

*John Jamontas*

*Gary Jones*

*Riley Spreadbury*

*Travis Brown*

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## ROLL CALL

**Present** Pam Heavens, Kim Hudgens, Gary Jones, Chairperson Riley Spreadbury and John Jamontas  
**Absent** Travis Brown

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 8.19.2025 Meeting Minutes

[TMP-9843](#)

Attachments: [8.19.25 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Chairperson Riley Spreadbury, seconded by John Jamontas, to approve 8.19.2025 Meeting Minutes . The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Heavens, Hudgens, Jones, Chairperson Spreadbury and Jamontas

**Absent:** Brown

## CITIZENS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

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## AGENDA ITEM:

### Election of Chairperson

[TMP-9842](#)

Legal Assistant Katy Fyksen asked if there was a motion to Elect any as chairperson to the Committee, John Jamontas presented a nomination for Riley Spreadbury and Kim Hudgens seconded the Nomination. Riley accepted the nomination.

A motion was made by John Jamontas, seconded by Kim Hudgens, to appoint Riley Spreadbury as Chairperson. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Heavens, Hudgens, Jones, Chairperson Spreadbury and Jamontas

**Absent:** Brown

## NEW OR OLD BUSINESS, NOT FOR FINAL ACTION OR RECOMMENDATION

### Discussion: Committee Member Departures and Potential New Members

[TMP-9838](#)

The committee discussed member Travis Brown, his contact information etc.

They committee went on to discuss other members of the community who may be interest in joining the committee.

**Discussion: New Meeting Time**[TMP-9839](#)

The new meeting time with be the second Tuesday of the month Quarterly. Ms. Fyksen explained that special meetings can always be added.

The new meeting time will allow for more people to attend and join the committee.

**Discussion: New Outreach Efforts**[TMP-9840](#)

Using the agencies the members are associated with to do community outreach. There was discussion about flyers for publicizing when the meetings are so more people attend.

**Discussion: 2026 Disability Pride Fair Discussion and Update**[TMP-9841](#)

Riley spoke about the Disability Pride Fair, we don't have the actual date set, but October 17th 2026 is the tentative date, it will be held inside, so the weather is not an issue. The October date is for consistency from last year. July is actually disability month but October does have some meaning to the disability community. There were 24 vendors last year. I was put together in 6 weeks, there were a bunch of volunteers. This year will hopefully be bigger.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Arello, a former member of the committee is happy that the committee is happy it is up and running again. He said it is important work for all citizens of Joliet with disabilities. He mentioned 80% of people in the prison population that are disabled, which is something most people do not know.

There was discussion about having a flyer about what the committee does.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Hudgens, seconded by Jamontas, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Heavens, Hudgens, Jones, Chairperson Spreadburry and Jamontas

**Absent:** Brown

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