

City of Lowell Disability Commission

Meeting February 12 , 2026

Members present

Sebastian Nash, Ron Lassman, Chris Green (late), Bill Mellen (remote), Lloyd De Jesus, Erica Harvey, Joanna Turcotte, and Mike Desrosiers (remote)

Meeting opened at 6:05 pm

Motion to approve January 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Sebastian Bill Second

All in

Treasurers' Invoice

\$580 end of December Sorrenson

\$646 for January

Estimate \$3600; Lloyd will send out Tuesday for board to see

Motion: Erica Sebastian second

All in favor

Friends of the Commission Program

Erica and Sebastian: Explanation of how we would like youth advocacy - what is happening in high school or community. We'll have letters of recommendation

Sean: Do we have more friends?

Response: Invitation to other students

Jade (will get last name) attended the meeting as a Friend of the Commission and was welcomed by the Commissioners for her taking the time to attend and interact and provide insights and perspectives to the Commission. Jade did bring two items up, the inspection certificates in the Freshmen Academy elevators at the high school were not posted in the elevators, Lloyd DeJesus would attempt to get these. Also during a recent fire alarm there was a need for assistance at the elevators in the new construction of the 1922 building. Commissioner Green was going to speak to Head of School Fiato.

Motion to accept Mike Desroches, 2nd Bill Mellen, motion passes.

Dennis Mercier: Housing

Lloyd asked for Bill to explain need of interpreters

Bill: Explanation of need for deaf / HoH services. Example of last month's incident with a fire alarm and not being able to understand what was happening without an interpreter. Banks, churches, anything public should have access to interpreters

Follow up letter for Benji Kemper on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Letter sent

Motion: Joanna Second Ron

All in favor

Business Cards and ID Badges

We should have business cards and ID badges since we're a little more out in community now. They do have a format at police station. Ask city about badges

Joanna agrees there's something to identify that we do represent the commission

Sean can ask about badges

Business cards not need personalization but will look into

All commissions should have a card

Agenda Item. Funding and transition plan.

Lloyd Dejesus updated the Commission about a request for funding the ADA updates needed to the City of Lowell website and APP for ADA compliance. Discussion among the Commissioners as the fee is approximately \$11,000 and the revolving account which the Commission oversees is under \$20,000 yearly. Lloyd was going to go and speak with the Managers Office and Finance teams to bring information back to the Commission for the March meeting.

Motion to Accept, Erika Harvery, 2nd Ron Lassman, motion passes.

Motion to accept the report by Bill Mellen, 2nd by Chris Green, motion passed.

Agenda Item LRTA

Ron Lassman spoke and said there is no meeting scheduled until May 2026, item tabled.

Agenda Item: LHS Building,

No meeting due to holidays when the next meeting is held Erika Harvey will provide a report.

Motion to Accept Report, Ron Lassman, 2nd Bill Mellen, Motion Passes.

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm, Mike Desrosiers, 2nd Bill Wellman.

Motion passes.