



Meeting Minutes
Meeting of Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission,
Malden City Hall/Virtual Meeting
Malden, MA. 02148
February 11, 2026

Committee Members in Attendance/Absent

✓	Paul Weston	Chairperson, Local Nat'l Assoc Realtor Rep.
	Elaine Shwartz	Elder Services Rep.
✓	Steve Finn	Malden Housing Authority Rep.
✓	Dawn Macklin	Resident Member
	Cindy Cohen	Resident Member
✓	Madelein McCormick	Resident Member
✓	Taylor Shutt	Vice Chair, Attorney Member
	Maria Luise	Ex-Officio, ADA Officer
✓	Chukwuka Ezewuzie	Ex-Officio, Chair of Disabilities Commission

Meeting started at 6:00 PM

Minutes

Approval and Amendment of Meeting Minutes: Paul led a review of the November and January meeting minutes, with Taylor, Madelein, and others providing feedback on missing end times, privacy concerns, and incomplete AI-generated notes; the group agreed on amendments and approved the minutes with Taylor and Steve making motions and seconds.

Ongoing Case at 28 Walcott Street: Paul updated the commission on a recurring issue at 28 Walcott Street, noting that Marie will follow up with the problem properties unit and that relevant city departments and officials were copied on related communications.

Upcoming Outreach Events and Website Updates: Paul outlined plans to update the commission's website with information about past and upcoming outreach events, including National Night Out, Malden Pride, and Juneteenth, and solicited suggestions for additional events from the group

Brochure Redesign and Printing Process: Taylor, Dawn, Madelein, and Paul discussed updating the commission's outreach brochure, including design improvements, printing logistics, and a collaborative review process, with Taylor and Madelein volunteering to draft revisions and coordinate feedback.

Introduction and Priorities of New Disabilities Commission Chair: Chukwuka Ezewuzie, the new chair of the Disabilities Commission was introduced to the commission. Chukwuka has background in disability advocacy, and highlighted accessibility and inclusivity as the main priorities for Malden, emphasizing collaboration. Chukwuka identified accessibility as the most pressing disability issue in Malden, referencing global standards and the need for budget allocation to support access in housing, education, and other areas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM