

RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities

2006 Public Meeting Schedule

Unless otherwise noted all meeting will be at the Commission's Office
John O. Pastore Center - 41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920-3049
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Meeting times/dates subject to change.

Commission

Responsible for: Setting policy for the commission, recommending the Commission's budget, and adopting an operational plan, connecting the different elements within the Commission.

Meets: 5:00 PM Monday; 02/06, 04/03, 07/17, & 11/06 and Annual Meeting: 5 PM Wednesday 09/06

Accessibility Committee

Responsible for: Increasing access to government provided (or funded) services by people with disabilities, through the removal of environmental and /or communication barriers.

Meets: 2:30 PM Monday; 01/23, 03/20, 05/15, 06/26, 09/18 & 11/20

Disability Business Enterprise Committee

Responsible for: Enhancing the competitiveness of businesses owned by people with disabilities, rehabilitation agencies, and businesses where people with disabilities provide 60 % of the labor.

Meets: 9:00 AM Wednesday; 01/11, 02/08, 03/08, 06/14, 10/11

Disability Parking Committee

Responsible for: Improving the enforcement of disability parking laws through monitoring of state/local enforcement efforts.

Meets: 11:00 AM Thursday; 02/09, 03/09, 04/06, & 05/11

Election Assistance Committee

Responsible for: Overseeing the Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities: develop training modules to be used by election officials and poll place workers to better prepare them to meet a variety of voter needs; recruit people with disabilities to serve as trained poll workers; and/or serve, on an as-needed basis, as advisors to the Commission, the RI Disability Law Center, Secretary of State's Election Division, and the State Board of Elections' ongoing attempts to ensure polling site accessibility and greater participation by people with disabilities in the electoral process.

Meets: 9:00 AM Wednesday; 01/25 03/22, 05/24, 07/26, 09/27 & 11/29

Employment Committee

Responsible for: Overseeing implementation of the Human Resource Investment Council's Promoting Work Grant and the provision of training and technical assistance regarding the employment provisions of the ADA.

Meets: 9:15 AM Thursday; 01/26, 03/30, 05/25, 7/27, 9/28, & 11/30

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50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Responsible for: Planning and Coordinating 50th Anniversary Events Oct. 23, 2006 - Oct. 23, 2007

Meets: 3:30 PM Wednesday; 1/25, 3/29, 5/31, 7/26, 9/27, & 11/29

Hearing Board

Responsible for: Conducting hearings and: issuing findings and corrective action orders regarding disability discrimination pursuant to RIGL 42-87-5(b); granting leased facility accessibility waivers pursuant to RIGL 37-8-15.1(b); and accepting open meeting transition plans pursuant to RIGL 42-46-13(f).

Meets: As needed, upon the receipt of: disability discrimination complaints; leased facility accessibility waiver requests; or open meeting transition plans.

Information and Assistive Technology Committee

Responsible for: Promoting the design and use of accessible information technology and providing assistive technology to people with disabilities who are: employees of state agencies; students enrolled at state operated schools and colleges; or clients/residents of state operated programs/services.

Meets: 2:30 PM Wednesday; 01/18, 03/15, 05/17, 07/19, 09/20 & 11/15

Legislation Committee

Responsible for: Developing legislation that improves the quality of life of people with disabilities, getting enacted into law that legislation and ensuring that legislation that is harmful to people with disabilities is not enacted into law.

Meets: 3:00 PM Monday; 01/09, 02/13, 03/13, 4/10, 05/08, 06/12, 07/10, 09/11, 10/16 & 12/04; Public Forums in various locations throughout the state the week of: 07/24 - 07/28

State Coordinating Committee on Disability Rights

Responsible for: Coordinating compliance with disability rights laws throughout state government.

Meets: 4:00 PM Tuesday; 02/28, 05/23, 09/26 & 11/28

Executive Committee

Responsible for: Managing the Commission's operations, preparing budget, selecting fellows, and addressing personnel issues.

Meets: 4:00 PM Wednesday; 01/25, 06/21, 08/23 & 09/13

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