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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
***HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT***

**KATJANA BALLANTYNE**  
**MAYOR**

**COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**18 February 2022**

**Supplemental Meeting for MAAB Variance Reviews**

**Present:** Adrienne Pomeroy, Staff Liaison, ADA Coordinator  
Bonnie Denis, Chair  
Holly Simione, Commissioner  
Lian Guertin, Commissioner  
Brian C. Postlewaite, Secretary, Director of Engineering

**Absent:** Katie Milton, Commissioner

**Guests:** Denise Molina Capers, Director of Racial and Social Justice  
Henry Edward Hardy  
Jamie Perconti  
Ginny Alverson  
Pauline Downing  
Chrystal Huff  
Susana Coit

Note: Due to COVID-19 Shutdown, all attendees were remote via Zoom Meeting.

## General

- Minutes:
  - July Minutes: Correct Clr. Ballantyne's name; add review of the legal ability to create accessibility fund.
  - July, September & August Minutes: Correct Director Molina Caper's name.
  - December Minutes: no change.
  - Jan Supplemental Minutes: remove Colin from absent since he was not a member at the time.
  - VOTE: approved all with changes noted, unanimously.

## New Business

- Bylaw Revisions:
  - Discussion of what should constitute quorum, whether half plus one or a simple majority.
  - Brian moved to replace Article IV Section III first sentence with, "A quorum for the conducting of official business shall consist of a simple majority of current Commissioners."
    - Vote, approved unanimously
  - Discussion of whether Commissioners should be residents, or whether they could also be employed in the City, or whether community ties were sufficient.
  - Lian moved to replace Article III Section I first sentence with, "Resident of Somerville, at time of appointment or reappointment, categorized as follows:"
    - Vote, all in favor, except Brian opposed.
- Consider Pauline Downing for appointment to Associate Commissioner.
  - The Commission concluded that, including today, Pauline had attended at least three meetings, potentially more.
  - Pauline Downing is a member of the visually impaired community.
  - Vote, approve appointment unanimously.
- Recommend Pauline Downing appointment as full Commissioner to Mayor.
  - Bonnie would write letter of recommendation if recommended.
  - Vote, recommended unanimously.

## **Old Business**

- Discussion on Outdoor Seating
  - Brian recused himself and left the meeting.
  - Holly took minutes

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:34pm; approved unanimously.**

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