

CITY OF MONROE
COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES REGULAR MEETING
300 WEST CROWELL STREET
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA 28112
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.
AGENDA
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- Item 1.** Approval of Minutes – May 5, 2026
- Item 2.** Discussion of May’s Listening Session
- A. Action items stemming from the Listening Session
- Item 3.** Other Business

ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please contact Angie Sustar at asustar@monroenc.org or 704-290-1838 to confirm your attendance. Thank you.

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MINUTES**

The Committee on Disabilities of the City of Monroe, North Carolina met in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 300 West Crowell Street in Monroe, North Carolina at 3:00 p.m. on May 5, 2026.

Members Present: Melinda Plue (Chair), Kelly Stegall, Jonathan Belk (ex officio)

Members Absent: Karen Heath

Staff Present: Property Management Director Ryan Jones (ex officio), and Clerk Angie Sustar

Visitors: Linda Belk, Abigail Pepper, Angelia James, Donna Huey-Robinson, Jill Minder, Eva Potts, Nikki Myers, Peter Karlan, Courtney Garrison, Mayor Burns, and Councilman Dotson

Item No. 1 Welcome. Chair Plue called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. A quorum was present.

Item No. 2 Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2026. Chair Plue made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 meeting. Ms. Stegall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES: Member Stegall and Chair Plue
NAYS: None

Item No. 3 Listening Session – Public Input Regarding Individuals with Disabilities. Chair Plue read aloud the Committee on Disabilities (COD) Mission and Vision Statements. Chair Plue introduced herself as a clinical social worker working in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) field, noting her personal experience as the family member and care giver of someone with IDD

Chair Plue then introduced the following committee members.

- Kelly Stegall: Associate Vice President of Workforce Relations for South Piedmont Community College, bringing extensive experience disability advocacy.
- Karen Hall: Care Manager for Partners Health Management, serving local individuals with IDD, and a parent of an individual with significant needs.
- Johnathan Belk (ex officio): A dedicated advocate living with autism and a valued addition to the committee.

Chair Plue read aloud the rules for the public input session. She reminded attendees that the committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

The following individuals spoke during the Public Input Session with their listed topic noted in parenthesis: Donna Huey-Robinson (housing); Jill Minder (diets/BAAC); Eva Potts (visual impairment); Nikki Myers (services/barriers/education/employment); Johnathan Belk (autism awareness/acceptance), Peter Karlan (supportive employment programs); Courtney Garrison (Services); Chair Plue read an email from Kate Harris (accessibility/promote disability services); Michael O'Neil, (building bridges to employment)

Ms. Stegall expressed her appreciation for those attending. Mr. Jones thanked everyone one for sharing.

Item No. 4 Other Business.

There being no further business, Chair Plue made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Stegall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with the following votes:

AYES:	Member Stegall and Chair Plue
NAYS:	None

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.