#### **Disability Commission** Office Staff

Kristen McCosh, Commissioner Jessica Doonan, Chief of Staff Patricia Mendez, Architectural Specialist Karina Caban, Program Manager Sarah Leung, Architectural Coordinator Chris Morawski, Staff Support Specialist Milinda Andrade, Outreach & Engagement

### **Disability Commission Advisory Board** 2019

Zarv Amirhosseini Feleshia Battles-Byrdsong Jerry Boyd Paul Caron Elizabeth Dean-Clower Wesley Ireland Dusya Lyubovskaya Juan Carlos Ramirez-Tapia Olivia Richard Carl Richardson Kyle Robidoux Yardley Sanchez John Winske

Advisory Board meetings are open to the public. They are held each month in Boston City Hall. Visit our website for more information on dates & times. **Boston Disability Commission** 

3oston City Hall - Room 967 One City Hall Square

3oston, MA 02201

# CITY of BOSTON Martin J. Walsh. Mayor



## Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities



disability@boston.gov boston.gov/disability

617-635-3682

617-635-2726 (fax) 617-635-2541 (TTY)



DisabilityBoston



**DisabilityBOS** 

### **Our Services**

- Oversee ADA Title II Compliance in all City of Boston Programs, Policies, Services, and Events
- Manage the City's Accessible HP Parking Program for Neighborhood Residents and Business Districts
- Provide Information & Referral on Disability Issues and Services
- Offer Architectural Access Plan Review and Technical Assistance
- Organize Trainings on Disability Issues for City Departments, Community Groups, Non-profit Agencies, and Local Residents
- Lead Systemic Advocacy within Boston's City Government to Increase Accessibility & Inclusion in all Departments and Programs

### **Our Mission**

The Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities works to increase opportunities for people with disabilities by facilitating full and equal participation in all aspects of life in the City of Boston.

This involves reducing architectural, procedural, and communication barriers, as well as promoting accessibility & inclusion in civic activities, housing, transportation, education, and the built environment.

The Commission works with City Departments, neighborhood residents, community groups, non-profit agencies, businesses, and private developers to ensure that access and inclusion remain a top priority in the City of Boston.

### **Our Initiatives**

- **ADA Day**: Celebration held each July on Boston City Hall Plaza in support of the Americans with Disabilities Act food, music, fun!
- Disability Mentoring Day: (DMD),
   A national initiative held annually in October to promote employing
   Boston residents with disabilities
- Disability Community Forum: An open forum hosted every spring to discuss issues of importance in Boston's disability community
- **Disability News & Views**: Monthly TV Show highlighting upcoming events & interviewing leaders from the local disability community
- Get Involved Local Government: A day for people with disabilities to learn about civic participation in Boston City Government Processes