

**Frederick County Commission on
Disabilities (COD) Minutes
Monday October 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Duffy, who recognized the existence of a quorum and called for approval of the meeting agenda. This was done by unanimous vote with a motion by Mark Swift and a second by Dave Drezner.

Attendance

The following members were present: Karen Duffy, Karen Rushing, David Drezner, Mark Swift, Jackie Kanekuni and Lisa Clark. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet, and sign language interpreter Christal Gastley were also present. Guest attending was Ashley Van Cleef.

- II. The guest speaker was Ashley Van Cleef from Law for Parents who spoke about the impact of COVID on students with disabilities. Everyone is working on how they can help students get back to the place they were before COVID now that schools are opening back up. A survey was sent to parents

asking what loss they think their child has lost as far as education since COVID. Some children are doing better due to the environment change while some are suffering. Some students suffered such a loss that they are unable to return to school. Each student is different with regard to needs. Their firm works with parents, students and schools to help find the best support for students with disabilities, including the development of Individual Education Plans.

III. Business

a) A motion was made by Lisa Clark with a second by Jackie Kanekuni which led to a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the September COD meeting.

b) The workgroup that is researching emergency traffic signal devices has not met yet. They will meet and report at the next meeting. Jackie Kanekuni is the leading this workgroup.

IV. Members that chose to do so gave closing remarks.

V. The meeting was adjourned.