

Athens City Commission on Disabilities Outreach and Communication Committee

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Berry Conference Room, Athens City Building

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Michelle Hahn, chair; Carolyn Lewis

Members Absent: Debra White Burleigh

Call to Order - Hahn called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Establish Quorum - A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2025 - Lewis moved to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025 meeting. Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On the Future

- What to focus on this year - getting everything together to send to Scott Thompson with The Government Channel
- Consider changes to committee and suggestions for commission - Hahn believes now is the time, with the commission as a whole in a transition phase, to consider restructuring. Instead of an Outreach and Communication Committee and an Accessibility and Advocacy Committee, we should consider paring down to an Advocacy and Outreach Committee, with two co-chairs from the commission, selecting another commission member as the Communication Officer, and making the Athena Award Committee a standing ad hoc committee with a coordinator from the commission; potential members for the commission: Martha Hudnall (advocate), Dr. John McCarthy (Dean of the School of Health and Human Services at Ohio University, was on PACDAP)

Announcements

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Berry Conference Room, Athens City Building, 8 East Washington St, Athens, Ohio.

Adjourn - Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Hahn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.