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**Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes**  
City Hall 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
April 13, 2015

Present: Robin Tousey Ayers, Jenifer Bleming, Trish Palluzi, Sally Esposito, Iva Long, Sara Hungerford  
Guest: Stephen Roche  
Staff: Michelle Duprey  
Absent: Matt Ranelli, Lisa Spruill, Jack Tsai, Maria Rivera

Meeting called to order at 5:25 p.m.

Introductions were done.

**Minutes:**

Sally moved to approve with amendments and Trish seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Chairperson's Report:**

Robin is collecting contributions from Commission members for the annual report that will be submitted to the Board of Alders. She asked that Commissioners get that to her as soon as possible.

**Department Report:**

Budget submission and presentation to the Finance Committee was discussed.

The ADA celebration was discussed. Critical partners were identified. Sally suggested contacting local business district groups.

**Old Business:**

Annual report needs to be completed.

There was a discussion of state budget items that affect people with disabilities.

There has not been a response from Yale-New Haven Hospital on the Commission's letter. It was determined that a follow-up letter would be sent.

**New Business:**

Sara raised the issue under employment of people with disabilities. BRS won't support individuals in finding a job who cannot work under 12 hours a week. She's like the Commission to get the word out about tax benefits so that these individuals may have an easier time in obtaining employment.

**Other Business:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

Adjourned at 6:40 pm.