



# Boston Disability Commission Advisory Board

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*Commissioner*

## Disability Commission Advisory Board Annual Report 2016 – 2017

### Commission Members

Carl Richardson  
*Interim Chair*

John Winske  
*Secretary*

Marc (Moses) Mallard  
*Treasurer*

Zary Amirhosseini

Kimyatta Campbell

Kyle Robidoux

- 1. Meetings** – Held **5** monthly Board meetings in Boston City Hall in 2016 and **4** so far in 2017. Meetings are televised and available online with captions to increase access for Deaf and Hard of Hearing residents.
- 2. Legislation** – Worked with Intergovernmental Relations to help pass a City ordinance that allows increasing Board from **9** members to **13**
- 3. Presentations** – There were **10** presentations at Board Meetings in 2016-2017 to date:
  - City of Boston Artist in Residency Program
  - Boston's involvement in the 100 Resilient Cities Program
  - Second Thoughts Re: Bill H. 1991
  - World Wide Web Consortium
  - Massachusetts Chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
  - Go Boston 2030
  - VSA Massachusetts re: Boston Creates
  - South End/Back Bay Gateway Development Project
  - MBTA re: RIDE alternative pilot programs
  - Alternative Housing Voucher Program
- 4. Letters of Support** – The Board wrote 8 letters of support / concern on the following issues:
  - Letter of concern re: House Bill 1991
  - Letter of support for the Alternative Housing Voucher Program
  - Letter of support for a City-sponsored rental housing program
  - Letter of support/offering of assistance to the MBTA re: RIDE services
- 5. Open Board Seats** – Currently looking to fill **7** open seats. Applications have been received and interviews are in progress.