

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

Envision/Zoom

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Agenda

Members Present

IN-PERSON	ZOOM
Mia Ocean	Lisa Vayda
Jared Holcomb	Emily Jensen
Jane Otis	Karen Flateau
Nate Johnson	Evan Morris
Virginia Zapote	Ryan Heikes
Jim Underwood	Alison Roets
Tom Page	Madeline Janzen
Christi Clark	Shea Hanson
Terese Goren	Harley Anderson
Andrew Crane	Crissy Magee
Raven Alexander	
John Crane	

City/County Staff Present

Travis Babcock	Nate Johnson
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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Mia Ocean
 - a. **Mia Ocean** – welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.
 - II. Roll Call of the Meeting Attendees – A quorum was present.
 - III. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Tom Page requested that it be noted Jane Otis had said she would not be present at the last meeting.
 - b. Motion to approve July 2025 minutes with stated amendment made by Lisa Vayda; seconded by Tom Page. **Passed unanimously by voice vote.**
 - IV. Public Comment

No Public Comment was given.
 - V. Repeat Business

a. Review of Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board Operating Policies

– Mia Ocean.

- i. Mia Ocean started the discussion with section b of the operating policies that covers membership and a potential subcommittee to review organizations that align with the current members.
 1. Lisa Vayda discussed how she was using the County website for current appointments and organizations.
 2. The board also clarified that each organization gets one (1) voting representative.
 3. A working group of Lisa Vayda, Crissy Magee, Virginia Zapote, and Mia Ocean will look over the current organizations and report back to the board next meeting.
- ii. Motion to appoint Lisa Vayda to the City of Wichita Art and Design Review Board by Mia Ocean; seconded by Lisa Vayda. **Passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- iii. Mia Ocean discussed section f, which talks about participation of non-voting members. It was clarified that Nate Johnson represents the City's legal department, Adrienne Clark represents the County's legal department, and Travis Babcock represents the County Manager's administrative staff.
- iv. Mia Ocean discussed the section that covers authority to speak or represent the board and clarified for members that they need a vote by the board to speak or represent the board. Someone on the board has violated this twice within the past 12 months.
- v. Jim Underwood discussed the quorum of the board and how a future item should consider adjusting the existing 1/3 quorum.

b. Kiosk Accessibility – Stephanie Knebel.

- i. Stephanie Knebel briefly discussed how City kiosks are ADA compliant and the legal complexities that surround what kiosks are classified as for regulatory purposes. Pay kiosks are not required to have audio under ADA regulations and kiosks don't fall under certain regulations that would require audio like banking regulations.
 - 1. Tom Page discussed how title II of the ADA requires effective communication.
- ii. General discussion took place about hang tags indicating to local law enforcement that on street parking would be free. Then the distinction of street parking and surface lots was discussed and how you will still need to pay in surface lots.
- iii. Tom Page discussed how some people don't want to put up a hang tag and take away an accessible parking spot from someone who needs it more.
 - 1. Stephanie Knebel said to get over it because ADA requirements apply to them to.
- iv. Stephanie Knebel and Nate Johnson discussed the ability to use parkmobile.com and paybyphone to pay for surface lot parking.
- v. Tom Page discussed the potential of adding braille on the kiosk to communicate the different ways to pay.
- vi. Terese Goren discussed their background as an accessibility tester and how they can look at parkmobile and paybyphone to ensure the process is accessible. It will be an agenda item next month.
- vii. A member of the public commented about the need to adhere to the spirit of the law in good faith rather than just letter of the law.

c. Construction Bulletin/ADA Staff Update – Virginia Zapote

- i. Virginia Zapote discussed how the weekly construction bulletin continues to be sent out and two recent additions to the board in Madeline Janzen and Charlie Wilks.
- ii. Virginia Zapote also discussed an internal review group being formed to review best practices and city policy relating to ADA compliance and accessibility.

d. Election of Transit Advisory Board Rep./Transit Update – Raven Alexander

- i. Raven Alexander discussed how the board is still working towards implementation of Q-line and the adjustments needed for school roll-outs.
- ii. Motion to appoint John Crane to the Wichita Transit Advisory Board by Tom Page; seconded by Lisa Vayda. **Passed 21-0 with 1 abstention.**

e. Subcommittee on Working with Wichita Public Works & Utilities Election – Mia Ocean

- i. Motion to appoint Jim Underwood and Tom Page to the Subcommittee on Working with Wichita Public Works & Utilities by Mia Ocean; seconded by Andrew Crane. **Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

VI. New Business

a. Letters of Support for Advocacy Campaign – Tom Page

- i. Tom Page and Lisa Vayda discussed the possibility of working with downtown businesses in Wichita to draft letters about accessibility and access to their businesses.
- ii. General discussion took place about recent US Department of Energy accessibility requirements rollbacks.
- iii. Lisa Vayda discussed the possibility of a template letter that businesses could use to discuss their concerns.
 - 1. Raven Alexander discussed a possible toolkit to be used to speak with organizations and governments about accessibility. She also

discussed how one on one direct discussion of board members with their appointer being a great avenue for change.

iv. Lisa Vayda discussed recent changes in Department of Energy policy and how it negatively affects accessibility.

1. General discussion took place about AI data centers, changes in federal administration, and recent changes the city has had to make regarding federal regulations.

a. Tom Page and Lisa Vayda said they will bring a draft letter for next meeting of what this might look like.

b. Discussion of MDA Representative and Possible Replacement – Lisa Vayda

i. Lisa Vayda told the board that MDA has said they will not elect someone to the WSCAAB. The board gave suggestions such as NAMI, Autistic Self Advocacy Network, and Autism Speaks. This will be a repeat business item on the next agenda to discuss potential alternatives.

c. New Meeting Location Discussion – Travis Babcock

i. Travis Babcock informed the board of Envision being unable to host the board's meetings in the future and the need for a new meeting location. Discussion took place and the board landed on the Advanced Learning Library as their new meeting place.

ii. Travis Babcock asked the board to move the meeting time back 30 minutes, to start at 10:30, to set up AV at the Advanced Learning Library which no one objected to.

VII. Announcements

a. Future Agenda Items

i. Tom Page discussed how he is still working on getting a draft letter together asking US Access Board to hold a meeting in Wichita/Sedgwick County.

ii. A member of the public asked that mid & long distance travel solutions be discussed next meeting.

iii. A member asked for a representative from the ICT airport to come and talk to the board.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.