



DARAC

(Disability Access Review and Advisory
Committee)

MINUTES Friday, January 22, 2021 Microsoft Teams Conference Call

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called order by Chair Marsha Mazz at 1:05 p.m. (EST) on Friday, January 22, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.

2. **Committee Attendees.**

Present	Name	Position
Y	Marsha Mazz, Chair	United Spinal Association
Y	Jessica Hubert, Vice-Chair	Guardian Services, Inc.
Y	Rocky Burks	Retired Access Manager, D.O.T, City of Sacramento, CA
N	Kevin Brinkman	National Elevator Industry
Y	Glenn Hedman	University of Illinois at Chicago, Assistive Technology Unit, Department of Disability & Human Development,
Y	Tom Norton	Norel Service Company
Y	Stephen Spinetto	Retired ADA Commissioner, City of Boston
Y	David Yanchulis	U.S. Access Board
Y	David Whalen	Niagara University
Y	Kevin Carr	NFPA Staff
Y	Linda MacKay	NFPA Staff
Y	Phillip Bratta	U.S. Access Board, (GUEST)

3. **Chair Remarks.** Chair Marsha Mazz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. **Member Introductions.** All members, guests and NFPA staff introduced themselves.

5. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the October 13, 2020 Microsoft Team meeting were unanimously approved.

- 6. NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF).** Tom Norton and Kevin Carr provided an update on an approved FPRF project on alarm technologies for deaf and hard of hearing populations. Glenn Hedman provided an overview of a project request submitted in late 2020 concerning adjustable maneuverability testing stations for emergency stair travel devices. Marsha Mazz invited DARAC to think about possible future projects to be submitted in 2021.
- 7. Participation in NFPA Standards Development.** DARAC reviewed and discussed terminology from two NFPA documents for possible Public Input. Kevin Carr will provide a more detailed list for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- 8. Review of *Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities*.** Dave Yanchulis, chair of the evacuation guide task group, updated DARAC on the current status of the draft. The task group will continue to meet prior to the next scheduled DARAC meeting and will be working on a schedule to finalize the draft.
- 9. Other Business.** DARAC discussed the topic of outside temporary structures. Steven Spinetto agreed to conduct further research and bring his findings to the next meeting for review and discussion.
- 10. Next Meeting.** The committee will be polled for a quarterly meeting in April or May.
- 11. Adjournment.** Marsha Mazz adjourned the Teams meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Carr, NFPA Staff Liaison