

Accessibility Advisory Committee - Appointment and Reappointment Recommendations

Members	Appointment Term
<u>Appointments (4)</u>	
Taylor Bauer	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Tony Flores	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Katie Thomas	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Mindy Tindall	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
<u>Reappointments (11)</u>	
David Achuroa	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Dana Antaya-Moore	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Bobbi Belsek	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Carleen Brenneis	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Marie Dancsok	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Karima Ewig	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Tonia LaRiviere	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Sam Mason	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Douglas Rudolph	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Patricia Rzechowka	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026
Zachary Weeks	May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026

New Appointee Biographies:

Taylor Bauer

Taylor Bauer has a professional role in advocacy with the CNIB and as someone who has navigated the challenges of sight loss with unwavering determination, Taylor is driven by a deep passion to create meaningful change. Her own lived experience has transformed into a powerful catalyst, propelling her to advocate for greater inclusivity and opportunities for individuals facing similar challenges.

Recognizing the immense power of authentic connections, Taylor is committed to forging relationships that transcend superficial boundaries. By fostering genuine connections, she strives to build a strong network of like-minded individuals who share the vision of a world that embraces diversity and empowers those with disabilities to thrive.

Tony Flores

Tony Flores is a retired public servant and a para-athlete. Tony worked for the government of Alberta and was the first disability advocate of the province of Alberta. He was appointed by the Alberta government in 2018 and had a legislative mandate, the Advocate for Persons with Disability Act. Tony was able to meet many Albertans with disabilities across the province; learned and understood the many issues they faced on a daily basis; and used his learnings to inform policy makers to bring positive change. He was also able to lead a team in his Office to support individual Albertans with disabilities who required immediate advocacy support. Tony's style of advocacy is collaborative and community partnership.

Tony is also an avid sportsman. He competed as a para-athlete in wheelchair racing, para-nordic (cross country skiing), and para-canoe (sprint kayaking/canoe) events. He was a member of the Canadian Paracanoe Team and was a Canadian Champion. He immigrated to Canada from the Philippines forty years ago and appreciates the great opportunities he has had in this country and the City of Edmonton.

Katie Thomas

Katie Thomas has lived in Edmonton her entire life and is currently living in the downtown area. She is someone with lived experience of dwarfism and is the only person in her family with the condition.

Katie works at Homeward Trust as the Programs Training Specialist and cares greatly about her community.

Mindy Tindall

Mindy Tindall is a passionately curious architecture and MBA student with a background in nursing and healthcare of 20+ years. She is a disabled biotechnology entrepreneur and architectural designer. Her specialization is within healthcare, educational, landscape, and humanitarian architecture. Mindy has studied universal design at the University of Alberta, and recently graduated with her Renewable Energy Technologies Certificate. She has also obtained certifications in humanitarian design, renewable architecture, and ecological design.

Mindy is an experienced entrepreneur and has amalgamated her interests in these fields by founding Biotecture Inc. – a catalyst for wellness through design. She now leads a small team as Founder and CEO in designing for human health and biotechnology development, specializing in solutions for people with disabilities and disadvantaged communities.