

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

CANDIDATES MEMORANDUM-Denver Commission for People with Disabilities (DCPD)

To	Denver City Council
From	Mayor's Office of Boards & Commissions
Date	06/08/2026

BOARD PURPOSE

Established in 1992, Our mission is rooted in equity, access, and advocacy. We work to uplift community voices, shape inclusive policy and dismantle barriers that hinder full participation.

APPOINTMENT CANDIDATE PROFILES.

Term Dates: 07/01/2026-07/01/2029	
No Photo Available	<p>Bio: Shamelle Chotoki is a data engineer and data scientist with the State of Colorado Department of Revenue, where she specializes in data quality, governance, workflow optimization, compliance, and the design of scalable data solutions. She serves as co-lead of the GDAB Data Types Working Group, helping advance statewide data standards and governance practices. Beyond her professional work, Shamelle is a dedicated advocate, mother, and nonprofit founder. Alongside her son, Sahil, she established CAB: Children Against Bullying Inc., an organization focused on addressing bullying, domestic violence, and child abuse through education, awareness, and innovative AI-powered tools that promote safe and inclusive environments for children. As a survivor of domestic violence, Shamelle brings a deeply personal commitment to advocacy, particularly at the intersection of disability, bullying, abuse, and social inclusion. She is passionate about empowering communities through education, empathy, and practical solutions that ensure every child and family feels supported, valued, and heard.</p> <p>Statement of Support: Denver Commission for People with Disabilities would benefit from Shamelle Chotoki's unique combination of technical expertise, lived experience, and community advocacy. Her professional background in data governance, compliance, and systems improvement would bring a valuable analytical perspective to the Commission's work, helping inform policies and recommendations with evidence-based decision-making. Equally important, Shamelle has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing issues that disproportionately affect people with disabilities, including bullying, abuse, social exclusion, and barriers to participation. Through her nonprofit work and public advocacy, she has focused on creating safer, more inclusive</p>
Shamelle Chotoki OIT, Colorado State She/Her East Indian/South African Female	

communities while elevating awareness of challenges faced by vulnerable populations.

As both a survivor and advocate, Shamelle understands the importance of listening to lived experiences and translating those experiences into meaningful action. Her collaborative leadership style, commitment to education, and passion for empowering others would make her a thoughtful and effective commissioner dedicated to advancing accessibility, inclusion, safety, and opportunity throughout Denver.

Candidate Answers to Additional Screener Questions:

Describe a previous experience that demonstrates how you would approach your role.

Through advocacy, education, and community engagement, I have worked to raise awareness about bullying, abuse, and the barriers many individuals face in feeling safe and included. These experiences have taught me to approach challenges with empathy, curiosity, and a commitment to practical action.

Describe what goals or actions of this Mayoral administration align with your personal priorities for the City.

I am particularly interested in initiatives that strengthen accessibility, reduce barriers to participation, and improve outcomes for historically underserved communities. As someone who values both data-driven decision-making and community-centered solutions, I appreciate approaches that combine measurable results with authentic engagement.

Reappointment? No

Term Number: 1

For New Appointments:

Filling an Open Seat? Yes

Replacing an Expiring Seat: Name of current serving member, if applicable

Appointment Process for Seat: (b) Mayoral Appointment, Council Confirmation

Term Dates: 07/01/2026-07/01/2029

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Mariah Moore

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Female

Bio:

With more than eight years of experience in accessibility advocacy and inclusive program development, Mariah Moore is dedicated to advancing disability rights through community engagement, systemic advocacy, and collaborative leadership. Her work has focused on empowering people with disabilities by building strong partnerships across organizations, government systems, and community networks to create sustainable, meaningful change.

Throughout her career, Mariah has led cross-departmental teams and managed grant-funded initiatives centered on accessibility, inclusion, and equitable participation. She is deeply committed to disability justice principles and believes true inclusion requires dismantling barriers across physical spaces, employment, education, public policy, and cultural life. Mariah values the power of art, creativity, and authentic community connection as tools for belonging and wellbeing. As a leader, she prioritizes centering the voices and lived experiences of people with disabilities while fostering collaborative problem-solving. She remains committed to advancing policies and initiatives that promote accessibility, empowerment, and genuine equality throughout the Denver community.

Statement of Support:

Denver Commission for People with Disabilities would benefit greatly from Mariah Moore's deep commitment to accessibility, equity, and community-centered leadership. With more than eight years of experience in disability advocacy and inclusive program development, Mariah brings both practical expertise and a collaborative spirit that aligns strongly with the Commission's mission. She understands the importance of building systems that remove barriers and create meaningful participation for people with disabilities across all areas of civic life.

Mariah's experience leading cross-sector partnerships and managing community-focused initiatives demonstrates her ability to bring people together around shared goals. She values listening to lived experience and ensuring that disabled voices remain central in policy and program development. Her passion for disability justice, combined with her belief in creativity, culture, and connection as pathways to belonging, would strengthen the Commission's work in advancing accessibility and inclusion throughout Denver. Mariah would bring thoughtful leadership, compassion, and a strong dedication to lasting community impact.

Candidate Answers to Additional Screener Questions:

Describe a previous experience that demonstrates how you would approach your role.

Throughout my advocacy work, I have collaborated with community members, disability organizations, and public partners to identify barriers and develop more inclusive programs and services. These experiences taught me the importance of listening first, centering lived experience, and building solutions through collaboration. If appointed, I would bring that same approach to the Commission by remaining curious, learning from fellow commissioners, staff, and community members. I want to ensure that the voices of people with disabilities guide my contributions.

Describe what goals or actions of this Mayoral administration align with your personal priorities for the City.

I am encouraged by efforts to make Denver more accessible, inclusive, and responsive to community needs. Priorities that focus

on equity, community engagement, public accessibility, and improving quality of life for all residents align closely with my values.

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