



**New Albany Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Implementation Panel
June 12, 2025 Minutes**

The IDEA Implementation Panel met for the panel's regularly scheduled session at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 W. Main Street, New Albany, Ohio and was called to order by Panel Chair Berry at 7:29 p.m. Those answering roll call:

Panel Chair Connor Berry	Present
Panel Vice-Chair Brianna Johnson	Absent
Panel Secretary Marie Alvarado	Present
Panel Member Taru Saigal	Present
Panel Member Courtney Nixon	Absent
Panel Member Alex Bilchak	Present
Panel Member Antonio Pestana	Absent
Council Member Marlene Brisk	Absent
Council Member Andrea Wilttrout	Present

Staff members present: Chelsea Nichols, Planner II

Action of Minutes:

Panel Chair Berry asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the May 8, 2025 IDEA Panel meeting minutes. Seeing none, Panel Member Bilchak moved to approve the meeting minutes from the May 8, 2025 IDEA Implementation Panel meeting. Seconded by Panel Member Alvarado and the IDEA Implementation Panel voted with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions to approve the meeting minutes.

Hearing of Visitors for Items Not on Tonight's Agenda: Panel Chair Berry asked if there were any visitors requesting to speak on items not on tonight's agenda. Seeing none, Panel Chair Berry closed the hearing of visitors.

Business: Mid-Year Review

Planner II Nichols led the discussion. The Panel members reviewed the 2025 Work Plan; specifically, an updated outline of scheduled IDEA Implantation programs that are to be implemented in 2025. They also reviewed an updated 2025 meeting schedule with work plan. Discussion topic: Other than what we've done these past 6 months and what we have planned for the next 6 months, is there anything else you want this Panel to achieve in 2025?

- Panel members would like to look again at the case study review items that were discussed in January for accessibility initiatives planning. Panel members would like to revisit the list of feedback from the Listening Session. Asked staff to place this on an upcoming agenda. Asked staff to place these items on an upcoming agenda.
- Panel members would like staff to start personally inviting groups to attend events and let them know we can make accommodations as needed.
- Panel members would like to budget for 2026 to automatically have ASL interpreters at Juneteenth and Diwali.
- Panel members would like to:
 - Have more listening sessions in 2026 for other groups.
 - Would like to interface with the community more and establish a more long-term plan.
 - Seek more feedback to get more IDEAS.
- Panel members would like to have an International Food Event in the fall of 2026 that is ran much like Souper Supper.

Adjournment: Panel Chair Berry adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:19 p.m. All panel members were in favor.