



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes Nov 09, 2015

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (09 Nov, 2015)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on *09 Nov, 2015* at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

Chair Brian Owens called the Board Meeting to order at 12:06 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Brian Owens, Robin Orłowski, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo and Tanya Winters absent: Andrew Harris, Rick Hair, and Ronnie Miller.

Staff in Attendance: David Ondich and Lee Nguyen

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Tanya Winters made a motion to approve the October 12, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Deborah Trejo seconded the motion. All approved.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Tanya Winters to recognize a member in the audience to present them with an award. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. All approved.

Award Presentation: MCPD Commissioner Tanya Winters presented Andy Pierrotti from KVUE with the MCPD Media Award at the November 9, 2015 meeting. To view the presentation please visit:

<https://austintx.swagit.com/play/11092015-581> and view Additional Item.

1. OLD BUSINESS: For discussion and possible action: No old business was discussed at the November 09, 2015 meeting. Chair Owens reported to the Committee that the Bylaws was in the process of approval by the Committee.

2. NEW BUSINESS: For discussion and possible action

A. **Presentation:** Texas Veterans Commission Jesus Simental, Claims and Counseling Director: Commission Programs and Services for homeless veterans, senior veterans, and veterans with disabilities. The presenter was unable to attend the meeting so this item was not discussed.

B. **Committee Reports-** The view the complete reports and discussions please visit <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/11092015-581> and view item 3B.

▪ Access & Youth Committee

— Commissioner Tanya Winters on behalf of Commissioner Dolores Gonzalez reported that DMD was a success. Council Member Ora Houston stayed for lunch and visited with mentors and mentees. The Employment Panel led by former MCPD Commissioner Ron Lucey went very well giving mentees and mentors an opportunity to talk about their experience.

- Employment and Awards Committee
 - Commissioner Tanya Winters thanked Brian for hosting the MCPD Disability and Employment Awards Program. Chair Owens thought the program was a good investment and well worth the committee's time

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the November 09, 2015 meeting.

4. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** There were two citizen communications at the November 09, 2015 meeting of the MCPD. To view the complete communications along complete discussion and comment please visit:

<https://austintx.swagit.com/play/11092015-581> and view item 4.

- A. Edna Staniszewski Senior Commission City Staff Liaison
- B. Motion: Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to extend the time for the citizen communication from Edna Staniszewski. Commissioner Tanya Winters seconded the motion. All approved.
- C. David Gray Vice Chair Commission on Seniors

5. **ACTION ITEMS:** Action items taken during the November 09, 2015 meeting. Please see additional item and item 4b.

6. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Lee Nguyen Please visit:

<https://austintx.swagit.com/play/11092015-581> and view item 5A for the complete briefing.

- A. Budget: report: There were no expenses in September leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,005.00. . The new disbursement of funds for the new Fiscal Year happens at the beginning of October. Lee clarified that the budget item line services other would be for award expenses such as for the award pieces for the Disability and Employment Awards Program.
- B. Staff liaison Lee Nguyen reported that WCD was an overall success with 533 marchers, who saw Mayor Adler's WCD proclamation at City Hall and fun, food and activities for the more than 500 WCD participants at Republic Square Park.
- C. Staff liaison Lee Nguyen answered additional questions from Chair Brian Owens and Vice Chair Robin Orłowski concerning the budget and awards program.

CALENDAR: Chair Brian Owens discussed with the Committee about changing the meeting time for the MCPD. To view the complete discussion and comments please visit <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/11092015-581> and view item 5B.

8. **Future Agenda Items:** There were multiple future agenda items were discussed during the November 09, 2015 meeting to view the complete discussion on the future agenda items please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/11092015-581> and view item 6.

- A. Commissioners would still like to hear from the Veterans Commission

- B. Vice Chair Orlowski would still like to discuss the organizational structure of the ADA Office. She has a presentation to give on the topic.
- C. The Commissioners would like the Parks and Recreation Department to present at the December meeting.
- D. Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil would still like to hear from the Economic Development Department on SXSW accessibility.
- E. Chair Brian Owens will visit with the Commission on Seniors Chair
- F. Staff Liaison Lee Nguyen mentioned that the MCPD needed to approve the 2016 meeting schedule including the joint meeting between the MCPD and the Commission on Seniors
- G. Commissioner Tanya Winters would still like to address transportation issues including Uber and Capital Metro. She also mentioned that the Summer Youth Learning Program usually is scheduled between December and January to report on the program.

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the November 09, 2015, meeting by Commissioner Tanya Winters. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski seconded the motion. All approved.