



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes Oct 12, 2015

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (12 Oct, 2015)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 12 Oct, 2015 at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Austin, Texas.

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

**Board Members in Attendance:** Dolores Gonzalez, Rick Hair, , Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Ronnie Miller, Robin Orlowski, Brian Owens, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo and Tanya Winters. Excused: Marshall Mitchell absent: Andrew Harris

**Staff in Attendance:** David Ondich and Lee Nguyen

1. Chair Brian Owens made a motion to move item 3b to Item 1 on the agenda. The motion was second by Vice Chair Robin Orlowski. All approved.
  - A. David Colligan Economic Development Department Manager, Global Business Recruitment and Expansion, introduction of department services and programs. To view the presentation and discussion on this item please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/10122015-568> and view item 3b.
  - B. The department is looking for collaboration and input to identify the needs of the disability community, and the role the department can play to address those needs.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to approve the September 21, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Tanya Winters seconded the motion. All approved.

2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action: Determine action to be taken regarding proposed changes to MCPD By-Laws in regards to City Clerk's Feedback and MCPD By-Laws Workgroup Recommendations. To view discussion and commissioners' comments please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/10122015-568> and view item 2 part 1 and 2.
  - A. Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to amend the MCPD By-laws with people first language and with the approved changes from the City Clerk's office. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski seconded the motion. All approved.
  - B. Commissioner Tanya Winters made a motion for the Committee to adopt the MCPD By-laws. Vice Chair Robin Orlowski seconded the motion. All approved.
  - C. Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to approve the MCPD Rules and Procedures document with grammatical changes, language for intellectual and other disabilities as proposed by Commissioner Trejo and with the elimination of the Administration Committee from the MCPD Committees. Commissioner Rick Hair seconded the motion. All approved.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS: For discussion and possible action

- A. Ronnie Miller introduced himself to the Committee as a Commissioner appointed by Council Member Ora Houston.
- B. Presentation: David Ondich City of Austin ADA Program Manager: Municipal Program experience, community outreach, program development and State/Municipal Committee work. Include Q&A. To view the presentation and discussion please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/10122015-568> and view item 3a.
- C. **Committee Reports-** The view the complete reports and discussions please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/10122015-568> and view item 3c.
  - Access & Youth Committee
    - Commissioner Dolores Gonzalez briefly discussed the White Cane Day (WCD) Event schedule. On Wednesday October 14, a march will begin at the Capital starting at 8: 30am to City Hall. At 10: 15am at City Hall Mayor Steve Adler will read the WCD Proclamation. From 11: 00am-2: 30pm Lunch and fun activities are planned at Republic Square Park. Commissioner Ronnie Miller announced he will be at WCD representing Austin Diabetic Association.
    - DMD Chair Gonzalez briefly summarized preparation for Disability Mentoring Day she expressed that participation was down due to contacts in major partner organization being reassigned to other duties.
    - City Council Member Ora Houston will deliver the DMD Proclamation at the DMD Luncheon being held on Wednesday October 21, 2015 at the Asian American Resource Center.
  - Employment and Awards Committee
    - Committee Chair Dolores Gonzalez reported that winners had been notified and Chair Owens announced that Beverly Wilson from Council Member's Ora Houston staff would deliver the proclamation, The Awards keynote will be delivered by Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Commissioner Veronda Durden.
    - The Event will be held on Monday October 19 at the Wyndham Garden Austin Hotel with the reception beginning at 5: 30pm and the program starting at 6: 30pm.
    - The ADA Office still needs Commissioners to present; several commissioners expressed interest in presenting at the program.

### 4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the October 12, 2015 meeting.

### 5. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** There were two citizen communications at the October 12, 2015 meeting of the MCPD. To view the communication please visit: <https://austintx.swagit.com/play/10122015-568> and view item 4.

- A. Mitchell Rappaport
- B. David King

6. **ACTION ITEMS:** Action items taken during the October 12, 2015 meeting. Please see items 1, 2A, 2B, and 2C to review the action items.

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

<https://austintx.swagit.com/play/10122015-568> 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. Lee Nguyen reiterated that funding for the MCPD is mostly committed to the Employment Awards Program. The new disbursement of funds for the new Fiscal Year happens at the beginning of October.
- B. Staff liaison Lee Nguyen reported that the next MCPD meeting would be Monday November 9, 2015.

**CALENDAR**

- A. Oct 14 White Cane Day
- B. Oct 19 MCPD 36<sup>th</sup> Disability and Employment Awards
- C. Oct 21 Disability Mentoring Day

8. **Future Agenda Items:** Future agenda items were discussed during the October 12, 2015 meeting included:

- A. Commissioner Gonzalez reminded the committee that Linda Espy would be coming in December to give an update on the Travis County Youth Work base Learning Program. She also reminded the committee that November's MCPD meeting would be a joint meeting with the Commission On Seniors.
- B. Lee Nguyen reported that the agenda for November includes a presentation from the Texas Veterans Commission on services for veterans with disabilities and Senior Veterans. He added that discussion of the annualized joint meeting should be included on the November agenda as well.
- C. Vice Chair Orłowski would still like to discuss the organizational structure of the ADA Office.

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the October 12, 2015, meeting by Commissioner Tanya Winters. Commissioner Danny Saenz seconded the motion. All approved.