



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting Minutes April 21, 2017

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (21 Apr, 2017)

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 21 April, 2017 at the Boards and Commissions Room located inside City Hall at 201 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Austin, Texas.

MCPD Chair Brian Owens called the Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 PM

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Brian Owens, Vice Chair Tanya winters, Commissioners: Jonathan Franks, Chris Masey, Robin Orłowski, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo, Sarah Webb Absent: Marshall Mitchell, Kevin Jackson, Diane Kearns-Osterweil

**Staff in Attendance:** David Ondich

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Vice-Chair winters made a motion to approve the March 10, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Franks seconded the motion. All approved.
2. **Citizen Communication:** 1 citizen communication was made during the April 21, 2017 MCPD Meeting.
  - A. Murphy Roland, Seeking to heighten awareness and gain support for a Texas Disability Chamber of Commerce to promote job development and match people with disabilities with employers around the state. To view the complete citizen's communication and Commissioner comments, please go to: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04212017-632> and view item 2
3. **NEW BUSINESS** - Chair Brian Owens recommended that guest speaker, Ron Lucey be moved up on the agenda to item A. there was no objection. To view complete discussion all new business items and commissioner comments please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04212017-632> and view items 3E, 3C, 3D, 3A,
  - A. Ron Lucey, Executive Director of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities proposed a partnership between the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities to co-host the 2017 Disability Employment Awards.  
**Motion:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion that the MCPD partner with the GCPD on the 2017 Employment Awards the motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Orłowski. The motion passed unanimously.
  - B. **Motion:** Commissioner Robin Orłowski Orłowski made a motion that the MCPD recommend that City Council pass a Restroom Access Ordinance to mirror the state law requiring restroom access to people with certain disabilities. The motion did not receive a second.
  - C. Commissioner Deborah Trejo would like to explore development and implementation of a system to notify emergency responders of the presence of a person with a disability living at an address. Commissioner Trejo asked Staff Liaison, David Ondich for an update regarding the issue. Mr. Ondich indicated that he has met with the Director of HSEM, who requested to meet with MCPD at a future meeting.

- D. Election of officers – Staff Liaison David Ondich presided over the election of officers. Chair Brian Owens asked Commissioner Jonathan Franks if he would accept a nomination for Vice Chair. Commissioner Franks responded in the affirmative.

**Motion:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to appoint Commissioner Franks as Vice-Chair the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chris Masey. There motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Franks was appointed as Vice-Chair. Chair Owens was asked if he would accept the nomination to continue as Chair of the MCPD. Chair Owens responded in the affirmative.

**Motion:** Commissioner Trejo made a motion to reappoint MCPD Chair Owens the motion was seconded by Commissioner Franks. To view the complete footage of the MCPD Officer election including commissioners' discussions and voting please visit:

4. **Staff Briefing:**

- A. David Ondich, Staff Liaison - Current MCPD budget stands at \$6,105.00. ADA Community Engagement Report in the meeting packet. To view full report please go to: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04212017-632> and view item 4a
- B. Annick Beudet and Mitchell Lloyd – Update on Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. to view full report, please go to: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04212017-632> and view item 4B

5. **Future Agenda Items:** Commissioner Franks indicated that he has recently experienced discriminatory practices by a ride share company. He recommended MCPD look into what it can do to insure rules are enforced. Chair Owens requested a future discussion and possible presentation from city staff regarding current regulations. To view complete future agenda item and commissioner comments visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04212017-632> and view item 6

6. **Committee Announcements:** Commissioner Orlowski stated that she had recently experienced a seizure at a local grocery store. She did not believe the incident was handled properly by store staff. Chair Owens recommended a future discussion around educating places of public accommodation on assisting people with disabilities visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04212017-632> and view item 6

7. **Adjournment:** Chair Owens made a motion to adjourn the April 21, 2017 MCPD meeting the motion was seconded by Commissioner Franks. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.