



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes December 14, 2018

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (14 December 2018)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on December 14, 2018 at the Board and Commission Room #1100 located inside City Hall at 201 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Jonathan Franks called the December 14, 2018 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Vice-chair Jonathan Franks and Commissioners Danny Saenz, Joey Gidseg, Kevin Jackson, Robin Orlowski, Deborah Trejo, Rachel Gandy and Diane Kearns-Osterweil Absent: Chair Brian Owens and Commissioners Sarah Webb and Chris Masey

Staff in Attendance: David Ondich, ADA Program Manager

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kevin Jackson made a motion to approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities November 9, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joey Gidseg. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: There were No citizen communications during the December 14, 2018 MCPD Regular Meeting.

Vice Chair Jonathan Franks: recommended that item 5B The staff briefing on the sidewalk Master Plan by Diane Rice, Project Manager, Austin Public Works Department be moved up on the agenda. There were no objections. Please refer to item 5B further down on the minutes for the summary of this item.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- 3A. **Discussion and possible action:** Property tax exemption for Austinites with disabilities, including presentation by Travis county Tax Assessor's Office. This item was tabled.
- 3B. **Discussion and possible action:** A recommendation that a member of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities be included on the proposed Austin Police Department Task Force to address Mental Health Audit: There was no action taken. Staff Liaison Ondich indicated that Assistant Chief Chacon will present to the MCPD at the January 11, 2018 meeting. To view the discussion in full and commissioners' comments, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> and view item 3B.
- 3C. **Discussion and possible action** Discussion regarding lack of braille signage at NYOS Charter Schools.
Action: Commissioner Kevin Jackson made a motion that the MCPD should draft a Letter of Support to the school to install Braille Signage throughout the school. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joey Gidseg. The Motion passed unanimously. To view the discussion in full and

commissioners' comments, please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> and view item 3C.

4. COMMISSIONER BRIEFING

- 4A. **Report:** Commissioner Orlowski gave a report on the November meeting of the Joint Inclusion Committee. To view the report in its entirety, please visit...To view the complete report and Commissioners' comments on this report in full please visit: please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> and view item 4A.

- 4B. **Discussion:** lead a discussion recommending that The City of Austin conduct a Disability Demographic Study. No action was taken. To view the discussion in full and commissioners' comments, please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> and view item 4A.

- 4C. **Report:** Commissioner Orlowski gave a report of the Transportation Work Group. To view the complete report and Commissioners' comments on this report in full please visit: please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> and view item 4C.

5. STAFF BRIEFING

- 5A. **Report:** On the activities of the ADA Program Office, including Title I and Title II Presented by David Ondich, ADA Program Manager:

To view the complete report and Commissioners' comments on this report in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> and view item 5A

- 5B. **Presentation:** Staff briefing staff briefing on the sidewalk Master Plan by Diane Rice, Project Manager, Austin Public Works Department. To view the presentation in its entirety and Commissioners' comments, please visit: and view item : <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> 5B

6. **Commissioner Announcements** Commissioner Deborah Trejo discussed Bulstering internship programs at the city for students with disabilities; and AISD's budget crisis and proposing cuts to Special Educations. To view the discussion in full and Commissioners' comments on this announcement please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> and view item 6-8.

7. Future Agenda Items

- 7A. Discuss other boards and commissions to conduct joint meetings;
- 7B. Consider writing a letter of support for the non-discrimination ordinance
- 7C. update on information related to disparity study
- 7D. Proposed tax exemptions for home owners with disabilities
- 7E. Recommendation to support ways to improve budget for Special Education
- 7F. Report on MCPD's budget recommendations
- 7G. Update on employer awards
- 7H. Presentation by Assistant Police Chief Chacon regarding formation of Mental Health Task Force.

To view all future agenda items and the Commissioners' comments on future agenda items in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12142018-1271> and view item 6-8.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to adjourn the December 14, 2018 meeting of the MCPD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Orlowski. All approved. Vice Chair Jonathan Franks adjourned the meeting at 6:50p.m.