



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR
MEETING MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2020**

The Commission on Seniors convened a Special Called Meeting via Videoconferencing.

Board Members in Attendance: *Chair, Janee Briesemeister, Vice Chair, Peter Varteressian, Adam Hauser, Amy Temperley, Diana Spain, Emily De Maria Nicola, Erica Garcia-Pittman, Jacqueline Angel, Karen Grampp, Martin Kareithi, Natalie Cagle, Patricia Bordie, and Sally Van Sickle.*

Board Members not in Attendance: *Billy Jackson and Fred Lugo*

Staff in Attendance: *Tabitha Taylor, Age Friendly Plan Program Coordinator, Austin Public Health and Halana Kaleel, Public Health Educator II, Austin Public Health*

Presenters: *None*

Chair, Janee Briesemeister called the Board Meeting to order at 10am. The Commission introduced themselves.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Zenobia C. Joseph, Title VI Testimony—Citizen Communication, COVID-19, and FY 2020-2021

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE
COMMISSION ON SENIORS MARCH 11TH, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

- A. The minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 11th were approved on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Cagle second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioners Jackson and Lugo were absent.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Support Staff Taylor shared on the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) response to COVID-19 regarding Older Adults.
- i. There is wide partner sharing to address gaps in services, as well as what is going well for the Older Adults Taskforce as part of the Social Services Branch of the EOC.
 - ii. Regular meetings have been occurring with Council Offices regarding needs of Older Adults during this time.
- B. Commissioner Kareithi discussed CapMetro is continuing free fares through the month of May.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding COVID-19 and resources needed for Older Adults.
 - i. Recommendation approving Covid-19 and Resources for Older Adults were approved on Commissioner Nicola motion, Commissioner Van Sickle second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioners Jackson and Lugo were absent.
 - ii. Commissioner Angel attended the District 10 Townhall on COVID-19 and strongly supported this recommendation based on what she heard at this townhall.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding FY2020-2021 budget recommendations.
 - i. The Commissioners reviewed three recommendations: FY2021 Budget Recommendations, Support for LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission Recommendation 20200408-2A (2) to Utilize Community Organizations and Nonprofits to Achieve Strategic Direction Outcomes, and Proposed Land Development Code Recommendation.
 - ii. Recommendations approving the FY2021 Budget Recommendations were approved on Commissioner Pittman-Garcia motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioners Jackson and Lugo were absent.
 - iii. Recommendation approving the Proposed Land Development Code Recommendation were approved on Commissioner Pittman-Garcia motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioners Jackson and Lugo were absent.
 - iv. Commissioner Temperley left the dais.
 - v. Recommendation approving Support for LGBTQ Quality of Life Commission Recommendation 20200408-2A (2) to Utilize Community Organizations and Nonprofits to Achieve Strategic Direction Outcomes were approved on Commissioner Grampp motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Jackson, Lugo, and Temperley were absent.
 - vi. Commissioner Bordie left the dais.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
 - i. No discussion currently.
- B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
 - i. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. No discussion currently

- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. See item III. B.
- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion currently.

V. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Update on Older Americans Month
 - i. At this time the Commission has decided to pause their planned awards due to COVID-19 response. Promotion will still occur on social media and partnering agencies will also share Older Americans Month. There is a current halt on Proclamations, will do a recognition ideally in October 2020.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Commissioner Angel requested to give update on Resolution 41.
- B. Commissioners will need to vote on Commission Officers for 2020-2021.
- C. Update was requested from Commissioner Spain on Mayors Committee for People with Disabilities. She will email and request update.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair, Janee Briesmeister adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m. without objection.