



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH, 2021**

The Commission on Seniors convened a Regular Meeting via Videoconferencing.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, *Jane Briesemeister*, Vice Chair, *Peter Varteressian*, *Adam Hauser*, *Amy Temperley*, *Emily De Maria Nicola*, *Erica Garcia-Pittman*, *Fred Lugo*, *Jacqueline Angel*, *Luz Lopez-Guerrero*, *Martin Kareithi*, *Patricia Bordie*, and *Sally Van Sickle*.

Board Members not in Attendance: *Diana Spain* and *Natalie Cagle*

Staff in Attendance: *Tabitha Taylor* and *Halana Kaleel*, Austin Public Health

Presenters: *Edwin Marty*, Food Policy Manager, Office of Sustainability

Chair, *Jane Briesemeister* called the Board Meeting to order at 1:02pm. The Commission introduced themselves.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS APRIL 14TH, 2021 MEETING

A. The minutes for the April 14th, 2021 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Hauser second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Spain and Cagle were absent.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. New Commissioner for District 2 Luz Lopez-Guerrero was introduced and welcomed by the Commission. She is excited to continue work supporting older adults in Austin/Travis County.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action Commission Work Plan – Standing Item

i. No discussion currently.

B. Discussion and possible action 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.

v. Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group

• No discussion currently.

C. Discussion and possible action from Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Chair Briesmeister)

i. No discussion currently.

- D. Discussion and possible action of City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Chair Briesmeister)
 - i. No discussion currently.
- E. Discussion and possible action on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Commissioner De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion currently.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: Food Insecurity and Older Adults, Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager, Office of Sustainability
 - i. Edwin Marty provided an overview of food policy, issues for seniors and food access, and emerging opportunities.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Age-friendly Austin Update and Older Americans Month 2021, Tabitha Taylor, Age-Friendly Program Coordinator
 - i. Tabitha Taylor reviewed the COVID-19 Vaccine Coalition, update on Age Friendly Austin, Older Americans Month events and activities, and Age Friendly Action Plan update and submission to AARP.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. June Meeting will be to review metrics for Age Friendly Austin, no presentations will occur.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair Briesmeister adjourned the meeting at 2:51 pm.