



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes June 11, 2021

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Regular MEETING MINUTES (June 11, 2021)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting via video conference on June 11, 2021 with a live broadcast on ATXN.

CALL TO ORDER: With quorum present Chair Jonathan Franks called the June 11, 2021 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:36 pm.

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Jonathan Franks, Vice Chair Emily Shryock, Kathryn Broadwater, Taurean Burt, Joey Gidseg, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Robin Orłowski, Deborah Trejo

ABSENT: Commissioners: Diana Anzaldúa, Maria Villarreal

Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Babiak, Office of Civil Rights in person.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: No citizen communication took place during the June 11, 2021 MCPD Regular Meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Taurean Burt made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2021 MCPD Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Emily Shryock. The motion passed 8-0.

To view this item please visit <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/120918?ts=96> and view item APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

2A. Discussion and possible action regarding community access and participation for people with disabilities during City Council meetings.

The Committee discussed this item together with Item 2B. Commissioner Taurean Burt made a motion to submit a recommendation to the City on a future agenda item that the City provide deaf translation services at every Council event, announcements including COVID-19 announcements, and videos. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Orłowski. The motion passed 8-0.

To view this agenda item please visit <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/122743> and view item 2A.

2B. Discussion and possible action regarding American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation services during COVID-19 announcements.

The Committee discussed this item together with Item 2A. Commissioner Taurean Burt made a motion to submit a recommendation to the City on a future agenda item that the City provide deaf translation services at every Council event, announcements including COVID-19 announcements, and videos. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Orłowski. The motion passed 8-0.

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2C. Update, discussion, and possible action on Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.

Zenobia Joseph addressed the Committee as a Citizen and answered questions. Commissioner Broadwater updated the Committee. The Committee discussed this item. No action was taken.

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2D. Update by Chair Franks followed by discussion regarding the Winter Storm Task Force.

Chair Franks provided an update regarding the Winter Storm Task Force. The Committee discussed this item. No action was taken.

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3. STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Commission discussed this item. No action was taken.

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4. Future Agenda Items:

The Committee discussed this item as follows:

1. Commissioners Orłowski and Burt: Recommendation to move ADA Program into Office of Civil Rights
2. Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil: Update on Disability Quality of Life Survey

To view this agenda item please visit <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/122743> and view item 4.

5. Adjournment

Commissioner Taurean Burt made a motion to adjourn the June 11, 2021 MCPD Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil. The motion passed 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.