



Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes May 14, 2021

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Regular MEETING MINUTES (May 14, 2021)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting via video conference on May 14, 2021 with a live broadcast on ATXN.

CALL TO ORDER: With quorum present Vice Chair Emily Shryock called the May 14, 2021 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:36 pm.

Committee Members in Attendance: Vice Chair Emily Shryock, Kathryn Broadwater, Taurean Burt, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Robin Orlowski, Deborah Trejo

ABSENT: Chair Jonathan Franks; Commissioners: Diana Anzaldua, Joey Gidseg, Maria Villarreal

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: No citizen communication took place during the May 14, 2021 MCPD Regular Meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Robin Orlowski made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2021 MCPD Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taurean Burt. The motion passed 6-0.

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. Introduction of Carol Johnson, Civil Rights Officer, City of Austin Office of Civil Rights, and discussion and possible action regarding Mayor's Committee for People With Disabilities and Office of Civil Rights

Carol Johnson, Civil Rights Officer, introduced herself and answered questions from members. No action was taken.

To view this agenda item please visit <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/120918?ts=157> and view item 2A.

2B. Presentation by Public Consulting Group followed by discussion and action to approve the Disability Quality of Life Study implementation plan

The Committee received a presentation and discussed this item. The implementation plan was approved on a vote of 6-0 on motion by Commissioner Taurean Burt and second by Commissioner Robin Orłowski.

To view this agenda item please visit <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/120918?ts=801> and view item 2B.

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

The Committee discussed this item. No action was taken.

To view this agenda item please visit: <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/120918?ts=3602> and view item 2C.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Discussion regarding the posting of minutes Commissioner Burt and full committee

The Committee discussed this item. No action was taken.

To view this agenda item please visit <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/120918?ts=3675> and view item 3A.

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

4A. Presentation by Austin Energy followed by discussion regarding emergency preparedness as it impacts people with disabilities

The Committee did not discuss this item. No action was taken. The item was postponed due to unavailability of City staff.

4B. Presentation by Austin Water followed by discussion regarding emergency preparedness as it impacts people with disabilities

The Committee did not discuss this item. No action was taken. The item was postponed due to unavailability of City staff.

5. Future Agenda Items:

5A. Discussion and possible action regarding community access and participation for people with disabilities during City Council meetings.

5B. Discussion and possible action regarding American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation services during COVID-19 announcements.

5C. Update, discussion, and possible action on Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.

To view this agenda item please visit <https://austintx.new.swagit.com/videos/120918> and view item 5.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Taurean Burt made a motion to adjourn the May 14, 2021 MCPD Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Orlowksi. The motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.