



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

The Commission on Seniors convened a Regular Meeting at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, 78702 and remotely.

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

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Luz Lopez-Guerrero

**Commissioner De Maria Nicola left the dais at 1:51 pm.**  
**Commissioner Angel left the dais at 2:02 pm.**

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

**Presenters:** Max Horstman, Mandy DeMayo, Helen Howell, and Lila Valencia.

**Chair, Janee Briesemeister called the Board Meeting to order at 12:03 pm. The Commission introduced themselves.**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

A. No Public Communication

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS FEBRUARY 9TH, 2022 MEETING**

A. The minutes from the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting were approved on Vice-Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Lopez-Guerrero was absent.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. None

**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

• This working group needs a new member, meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

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 Briesemeister)
  - i. No discussion currently.
- D. Discussion and possible action of City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Chair Briesemeister)
  - i. No discussion currently.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Briefing and discussion on upcoming spending priorities for federal housing and community development grants as part of the Community Needs Assessment for the FY 22-23 Action Plan (Max Horstman, Mandy DeMayo, and Helen Howell).
  - i. Presenters discussed review of FY20-21 performance, federal reporting process, review of existing programs, community needs assessment/public comment schedule, and ways to provide feedback.
- B. Presentation: A Decade of Growth: Austin Population and Demographic Trends, Lila Valencia, City of Austin Demographer.
  - i. Presenter discussed population growth, Austin’s diversity, areas of growth and change, the older adults population, and growth and growing pains.
- C. Discussion and possible action on Annual Officer Elections (Officer terms May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023).
  - i. Commission on Seniors nominated and approve Commissioner Temperley to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission on Seniors on Vice-Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Lopez-Guerrero was absent.
  - ii. Waiving Officer Term Limit for the position of Chair was adopted on Commissioner Van Sickle motion, Vice-Chair Varteressian second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Lopez-Guerrero was absent.
  - iii. Commissioners nominated and approved Chair Briesmeister to continue to serve as Chair of the Commission on Seniors on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Temperley second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Lopez-Guerrero was absent.
- D. Discussion and possible action on Commission on Seniors FY22 Community Service Award.
  - i. Nina Mosier, M.D. was nominated and approved to receive the Commission on Seniors Community Service Award for her professional achievements on Commissioner Bauman motion, Commissioner Temperley second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Lopez-Guerrero and Commissioner De Maria Nicola were absent.
  - ii. Mary Sue Clyne was nominated and approved to receive the Commission on Seniors Community Service Award for her volunteer achievements on Commissioner Kareithi motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Lopez-Guerrero and Commissioner De Maria Nicola were absent.
- E. Discussion and possible action on budget recommendations for the City of Austin FY23 Budget
  - i. Will be discussed at the May 2022 meeting.

#### **5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- A. Age-friendly Austin Update, Tabitha Taylor, Age-Friendly Program Coordinator.
  - i. Presenter discussed Age-Friendly updates including Senior Homestead Tax Exemption Outreach, Adult Day Center Feasibility Study, and Older Americans Month.

- ii. Older Americans Month Kick-Off Event will take place May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Community Interest Announcement will be posted.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Chair Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 2:12 pm.