



***MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022***

**The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, October 14, 2022, in Austin, Texas.**

**Vice Chair Emily Shryock called the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

Emily Shryock, Vice-Chair  
Diane Kearns-Osterweil  
Robin Orłowski

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Kathryn Broadwater  
Jennifer S. Powell  
Deborah Trejo

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Lindsey Southard – Office of Police Oversight (OPO) Community Engagement.  
Otis Sizemore – Proposal to add disability business owners to the economically and socially disadvantaged business certification listing, joining other cities in Texas to offer this opportunity.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities regular meeting on June 10, 2022.  
**The minutes from the meeting of (6/10/2022) were approved on Kearns-Osterweil's motion, Orłowski second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldúa, Taurean Burt, and Joey Gidseg)**
2. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities special called meeting on August 19, 2022.  
**The minutes from the meeting of (8/19/2022) were approved on Trejo's motion, Orłowski second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldúa, Taurean Burt, and Joey Gidseg)**

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

3. Staff briefing regarding an update on Office of Civil Rights Support (Pantoja/Alexander)  
**The presentation was made by Pantoja, Community Engagement Specialist, OCR**
4. Staff update on Minutes (Pantoja/Alexander)  
**The presentation was made by Pantoja, Community Engagement Specialist, OCR**
5. Staff briefing on internal and external communication within the Commission (OCR)  
**The presentation was made by Pantoja, Community Engagement Specialist, OCR**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. Discussion and possible presentation from Jeremy Garza about Joint Inclusion Committee.  
**Presentation by Jeremy Garza, Commissions & Neighborhood Liaison, JIC**
7. Presentation by Small & Minority Business Resources to discuss the Certification, Compliance, Resources Overview and 2022 Disparity Study.  
**Presentation by Edward Campos, Director, Small and Minority Business Resources Department**
8. Discussion on the services that Danny G. McBeth Recreation Center provides to the Austin community and how they can serve the commission's mission and goals. (Trejo/Franks)  
**Request to roll over to December Agenda – Trejo to follow up with additional information.**

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

9. Discussion and possible action creation/appointment of working group for the Joint Inclusion Committee.  
**The motion to approve the creation of a working group and the appointment of Commissioners Trejo, Kearns-Osterweil, and Orlowski as working group members for the Joint Inclusion Committee was approved on Trejo's motion, Kearns-Osterweil second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldúa, Taurean Burt, and Joey Gidseg)**
10. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to require certified ASL interpreters to be dispatched onsite with deaf survivors  
**Discussion was held and no action was taken. Request to roll over to December Agenda.**
11. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation on the Downtown Commission's position on the use of scooters in the downtown areas and its impact on people with disabilities.  
**Discussion was held and no action was taken. Request to roll over to December Agenda. – Orlowski to follow up with additional information.**

12. Discussion and possible action regarding a media request for the Commission's feedback on the improvement of safety of people with mobility impairments.  
**Discussion was held and no action was taken.**
13. Discussion and action to vote on the 2023 Commission meeting schedule.  
**The motion to vote on the 2023 Commission meeting schedule was approved on Vice Chair Shryock's motion, Kearns-Osterweil second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldua, Taurean Burt, and Joey Gidseg)**

**Vice Chair Shryock adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m. without objection.**

*(Vice Chair Shryock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Commissioner, Kearns-Osterweil seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with Chair Franks, Anzaldua, Gidseg, and Burt absent.)*

*"The minutes were approved at the January 13, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Orłowski's motion, and Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil's second on a (5-1) vote."*

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For more information on the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, please contact the Office of Civil Rights at (512) 974-3251.