



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

**The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, February 10, 2023, in Austin, Texas.**

**Commissioner Robin Orłowski called the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

Robin Orłowski

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

Diana Anzaldúa  
Kathryn Broadwater  
Diane Kearns-Osterweil  
Jennifer S. Powell  
Deborah Trejo

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Oren Rosenthal, Commissioner for the City of Austin Music Commission spoke to raise awareness and invite the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to the Music Commission's upcoming meeting that will take up the topic of helping Austin music venues to be accommodating for people with disabilities and addressing best practices.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities special called meeting on January 13, 2023.

**The minutes from the meeting of (01/13/2023) were approved on Powell's motion, and Kearns-Osterweil's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Vice-Chair Emily Shryock and Joey Gidseg)**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Reminder for Commission Members to verify term cycles with the Clerk's Office.  
**An update was given by Jacquelyn Alexander, OCR, Department Executive Assistant.**

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. 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)  
**Discussion was held. The presentation was made by Sara Carlson, CTRS Therapeutic Recreation Services Program Manager; Rachel Hyde, CTRS McBeth Recreation Center Acting Supervisor; and Evan Kessler, CTRS Alamo Recreation Center Supervisor.**

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to City Council from the City of Austin, Public Works on the City active transportation plans, including urban trails, sidewalks, and bikeways plans.  
**Discussion was held and no action was taken. The presentation was made by Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation, Transportation Division Manager; Nathan Wilkes, Austin Transportation, Consulting Engineer; and John Eastman, Public Works, Division Manager.**
5. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to require certified ASL interpreters to be dispatched onsite with deaf survivors.  
**A re-vote is required for the approval of the recommendation. Commissioners attempted to vote without discussion and were unable to pass the vote due to the failure to ensure that voting was on screen and individual votes were taken per recommendation. This recommendation will roll over to the March 10th meeting.**
6. 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.  
**A re-vote is required for the approval of the recommendation. Commissioners attempted to vote without discussion and were unable to pass the vote due to the failure to ensure that voting was on screen and individual votes were taken per recommendation. This recommendation will roll over to the March 10th meeting.**
7. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation on the pre-existing City of Austin MBWE Program to be amended and expanded to include disability. (Orlowski)  
**A re-vote is required for the approval of the recommendation. Commissioners attempted to vote without discussion and were unable to pass the vote due to the failure to ensure that voting was on screen and individual votes were taken per recommendation. This recommendation will roll over to the March 10th meeting.**
8. Discussion and possible action to resubmit a recommendation to City Council related to the City of Austin Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. (Trejo)

**A re-vote is required for the approval of the recommendation. Commissioners attempted to vote without discussion and were unable to pass the vote due to the failure to ensure that voting was on screen and individual votes were taken per recommendation. This recommendation will roll over to the March 10th meeting.**

9. Discussion and possible action to consider removing Commissioner Joey Gidseg and Commissioner Diana Anzaldua from the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. (Trejo)

**Discussion was held and no action was taken.**

10. Discussion and vote on future agenda items.

**No discussion was held.**

**Commissioner Orlowski adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. without objection.**

*(Commissioner Trejo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with Chair Jonathan Franks, Vice-Chair Emily Shryock and Joey Gidseg absent.)*

*“The minutes were approved at the April 14, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Powell’s motion, and Commissioner Broadwater’s second on a (6-0) 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.