



**COMMISSION ON AGING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

The Commission on Aging 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 Amy Temperley, Vice-Chair Richard Bondi, Austin Adams, Jacqueline Angel, Martha Bauman (left dais at 1:00pm), Patricia Bordie, Janee Briesemeister, Emily De Maria Nicola, Gretchen Flatau, Martin Kareithi, Fred Lugo, Walter Tyree, and Henry Van De Putte.

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

**Presenters:** Clarke Heidrick, Christian Duran, James May, Helen Howell, Rob Faubion, and Christian Mendoza.

**Staff in Attendance:** Halana Kaleel and Nicole Howe, Austin Public Health

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Temperley called the meeting to order at 12:04pm.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first 10 speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the March 8th, 2023 Regular Commission on Aging Meeting.
  - The minutes from the meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, were approved with minor corrections on Commissioner Lugo motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Lopez-Guerrero was absent.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2. Staff briefing regarding Age-Friendly Austin Update, Kodjo Dodo, Manager and Nicole Howe, Age Friendly Austin Program Coordinator, Planning and Evaluation Unit, Austin Public Health.
  - A brief update was provided on Age-Friendly Austin planning and Age-Friendly Austin staffing.

3. Announcements
  - Three new members of the Commission on Aging were introduced including: Commissioner Adams, Flatau, and Tyree.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. Presentation and Discussion of the Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center (Clarke Heidrick).
  - A presentation was provided by the Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center (IRAC) Advisory Group.
  - This presentation included: growing needs of Austin's Seniors, project history, IRAC Nash Hernandez Proposal, estimated budget, and IRAC Partners.
  - Commissioners requested circulation of related data and presentations.
5. Presentation and Discussion on upcoming spending priorities for federal housing and community development grants as part of the Community Needs Assessment for the FY 23-24 Action Plan (Christian Duran and James May, Housing Department; Helen Howell, Austin Public Health)
  - A presentation was provided with assistance from Mandi DeMayo due to technical difficulties experienced by Christian Duran.
  - Presentation covered: Federal Entitlement Grants, programs and activities, FY 21-22 Review, HOME-ARP Update, community needs assessment, public comment schedule, and group and community feedback.
6. Presentation and Discussion on Seniors in Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T) (Rob Faubion and Christian Mendoza, AGE of Central Texas and Austin Police Department).
  - Presentation included: overview of the Office of Community Liaison, roles and responsibilities of the older adult liaison, overview of the S.A.L.T Program, crime prevention through education, current conversations, and S.A.L.T Resource Fair.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

7. Discussion and possible action on membership for Commission on Aging Workgroups including the Age Friendly Austin Domain Working Groups and the Quality-of-Life Study Working Group.
  - Commissioners Tyree and Flatau were approved to be added to the Age Friendly Domain 1-3 Working Group on Commissioner Briesemeister motion, Commissioner Kareithi second on a 12-0 Vote. Commissioners Bauman and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.
  - Commissioners Van de Putte and Flatau were approved to be added to the Quality-of-Life Study Working Group on Commissioner Angel motion, Vice Chair Bondi second on a 12-0 Vote. Commissioners Bauman and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.
8. Discussion and possible action on the Commission on Aging 2023 Officer Elections.
  - Vote for Commission Chair was tabled due to no nominations or interest. Will be revisited during the May 2023 Meeting.
  - Vice Chair Bondi was reappointed as Vice-Chair on Commissioner Briesemeister motion, Commissioner Van De Putte second on a 12-0 Vote. Commissioners Bauman and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.
9. Discussion and possible action to award two (one professional, one community member) Commission on Aging Community Service Awards.
  - Nominations were read and reviewed.
  - Nancy Walker was approved as the recipient of the Commission on Aging Community Service Award (Volunteer) on Commissioner Briesemeister motion, Commissioner Van De Putte second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Bauman and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.
  - Joyce Hefner was approved as the recipient of the Commission on Aging Community Service Award (Professional) on Commissioner Tyree motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 11-

0-1 vote. Vice-Chair Bondi abstained. Commissioners Bauman and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.

- The two recipients will be honored during Older Americans Month at both the community event and the May 2023 Commission on Aging meeting.
10. Discussion and possible action on the Joint Inclusion Committee's FY24 Budget Recommendations.
    - Item tabled.
  11. Discussion and possible action to form a Budget Working Group to monitor budget recommendations and follow up with City Council and City of Austin Department Leaders regarding FY24 Budget Recommendations.
    - Commission on Aging Budget Working Group to monitor budget recommendations and follow up with Austin City Council and City of Austin Department Executives regarding the Commission on Aging's FY24 Budget Recommendations will include Chair Temperley, Vice-Chair Bondi, and Commissioners Angel and Bordie was approved on Commissioner Van De Putte motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Bauman and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.

#### **WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

12. Update and briefing from the Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group on the 2023 Older Americans Month Event.
  - Vice-Chair Bondi provided an update on activities for Older American's Month.

#### **WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

13. Discussion and possible action to finalize the Commission on Aging Quality of Life Study Scope of Work.
  - The Quality-of-Life Study Workgroup presented the finalized Quality of Life Study Scope of Work for approval.
  - The Commission on Aging Quality of Life Study Scope of Work was approved on Vice Chair Bondi motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Bauman and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

14. Social Media Account for the Commission on Aging
15. Presentations on Feasibility Studies related to Intergenerational Programming.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Temperley adjourned the meeting at 2:01pm without objection.

**The minutes were approved at the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Van De Putte motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 11-0 vote.**