



***MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023***

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, May 12, 2023, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jonathan Franks called the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Jonathan Franks, Chair
Elizabeth Vassallo

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Elisabeth Meyer, Vice Chair
Diana Anzaldua
Donna Betts
Micheal Fetonte
Jennifer Powell
Lira Ramirez
Pete Salazar

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities April 14, 2023, regular meeting. **The minutes from the meeting of (04/14/2023) were not approved on a (5-1) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Elisabeth Meyer, and Micheal Fetonte) (Commissioners Abstaining: Elizabeth Vassallo)**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion and updates on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). (Jeremy Garza)
Discussion was held and presentation was made by Commissioner Powell.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action on appointing an alternative representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). **The motion to nominate Vice Chair Meyers to be appointed as the alternate representative to the JIC was approved on Powell's motion, and Salazar's second on a (9-0) vote.**
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the progress of the COTA Accessibility Task Force and the coordination with other City of Austin Commissions to take steps for accessibility in event venues. (Oren Rosenthal, Music Commission) **Presentation was made by Oren Rosenthal, Music Commission and Bruce Elfant, Travis County.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The motion to establish a working group to review music venues and entertainment venues in Austin to see how it can be improved on for people with disabilities was approved on Commissioner Salazar's motion, and Vice Chair Meyer's second on a (9-0) vote.

The motion to identify a liaison to work with the COTA Accessibility Task Force was approved on Commissioner Salazar's motion, and Commissioner Powell's second on a (9-0) vote.

The motion to request a presentation on updates to the City's walkability and accessibility pathways was approved on Commissioner Ramirez's motion and Commissioner Salazar's second on a (9-0) vote.

Chair Jonathan Franks adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m. without objection.

(Commissioner Salazar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 9-0 with all Commissioners present.)

The minutes from the meeting of (05/12/2023) were approved at the Friday, July 14, 2023, meeting on Powell's motion, and Bett's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Micheal Fetonte and Pete Salazar)

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