



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023**

**The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, June 9, 2023, in Austin, Texas.**

**Vice Chair Elisabeth Meyer called the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

Elisabeth Meyer, Vice Chair

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

Donna Betts

Micheal Fetonte

Jennifer Powell

Lira Ramirez

Elizabeth Kristen Vassallo

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Lauren Gerken, Public Policy Analyst with Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities May 12, 2023, regular meeting. **The minutes from the meeting of (05/12/2023) were approved on Vassallo's motion, and Powell's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldua, and Pete Salazar)**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion and updates on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). (Jeremy Garza)  
**Discussion was held and presentation was made by Commissioner Powell.**
3. Presentation regarding all implemented projects and the official accomplishments of the COTA Task Force. **Presentations was provided by Oren Rosenthal, Music Commission.**

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Discussion and possible action on identifying liaisons and participants in the COTA Disability Access Taskforce. **The motion to nominate Commissioner Donna Betts to be appointed as the liaison to the COTA Disability Access Taskforce was approved on Powell's motion, and Salazar's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldua, and Pete Salazar)**
5. Discussion and possible action to establish a working group to review music venues and entertainment venues in Austin for improvements for people with disabilities. **The motion to roll over agenda item number five to the July meeting agenda was approved on Vice Chair Meyer's motion and Commissioner Fetonte's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldua, and Pete Salazar)**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**The motion to start a discussion on safety and accessibility for people with Disabilities on Austin's public transportation system was approved on Vice Chair Meyer's motion, and Commissioner Fetonte's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldua, and Pete Salazar)**

**Vice Chair Elisabeth Meyer's adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. without objection.**

*(Commissioner Vassallo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with the following Commissioners Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks, Diana Anzaldua, and Pete Salazar)*

*The minutes from the meeting of (06/09/2023) were approved at the Friday, July 14, 2023, meeting on Vassallo's motion, and Powell's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Micheal Fetonte and Pete Salazar)*

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