



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023**

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, July 14, 2023, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jonathan Franks called the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Jonathan Franks, Chair
Elisabeth Meyer, Vice Chair

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Donna Betts
Jennifer Powell
Lira Ramirez
Elizabeth Kristen Vassallo

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities June 9, 2023, regular meeting. **The minutes from the meeting of (06/09/2023) were approved on Powell's motion, and Bett's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Micheal Fetonte, and Pete Salazar)**
2. 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 Powell's motion, and Bett's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Micheal Fetonte, and Pete Salazar)**
3. 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 approved on Vassallo's motion, and Powell's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Micheal Fetonte, and Pete Salazar)**

STAFF BRIEFINGS

4. Reminder of self-service password reset & 90-day expiration. (OCR)
Jacquelyn Alexander

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Presentation and updates from the City of Austin Public Works Department on the City's active transportation plans, including urban trails, sidewalks, and bikeways. (John Eastman, Division Manager, Public Works) **Presentation was made by John Eastman, Transportation and Public Works.**
6. Discussion and updates on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). (Jeremy Garza)
Discussion was held and presentation was made by Jeremy Garza.
7. Discussion on safety and accessibility for people with Disabilities on Austin's public transportation system. (Vice Chair Meyer) **Discussion was held.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion and possible action to establish a working group to review music venues and entertainment venues in Austin for improvements for people with disabilities. **Discussion was held and no action was taken. Request to roll over to August Agenda.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The motion to create a working group to discuss safety and accessibility for people with Disabilities on Austin's public transportation system was approved on Vice Chair Meyer's motion, and Commissioner Powell's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Micheal Fetonte, and Pete Salazar)

The motion to have the Committee share what concerns motivate the members of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and how the Committee can attack those as a group was approved on Commissioner Vassallo's motion, and Vice Chair Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Micheal Fetonte, and Pete Salazar)

The motion to have regular monthly updates from the COTA Task Force starting at the September 2023 meeting was requested by Commissioner Betts.

The motion to have presentation on Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Procedures was requested by Commissioner Ramirez.

Chair Jonathan Franks adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. without objection.

(Commissioner Betts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. and Commissioner Vassallo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with the following Commissioners Absent: Diana Anzaldua, Micheal Fetonte, and Pete Salazar)

The minutes from the meeting of (07/14/2023) were approved at the Friday, September 8, 2023, meeting on Salazar's motion, and Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts and Kristen Vassallo)

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