



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

Advisory body to the city council and city manager regarding problems affecting persons with disabilities in the Austin area. Established to encourage, assist and enable persons with disabilities to participate in the social and economic life of the City, achieve maximum personal independence, become gainfully employed, and use and enjoy fully and use all public and private facilities available within the community. See Section [2-1-108](#)

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)

We were unable to hold a meeting during the month of July 2022 due to lack of quorum. In August of 2022, we had Liz Wisecarver talk to our Commission regarding NFB(National Federation of the Blind) Newslines, a free online publication service for people with Print disabilities which includes Newspapers from around the state, world, magazines and several job search functions. Several items on this agenda were moved to a future meeting as the presenters who wanted to speak on the issue were not present. There was no meeting in September of 2022 due to lack of quorum. In October 2022, there was a discussion on the current state of affairs of the McBeth Center where Commissioner Trejo mentioned that she would bring more information to a future meeting. There was no meeting in November as the day of the meeting fell on a Federal Holiday. There was no meeting held in December of 2022 due to bad weather and lack of quorum. In January of 2023, Commissioner Trejo was unable to acquire more information from the McBeth

Center and that information was tabled to a future meeting. The MCPD Voted on the 2023 meeting schedule. The agenda item to have a discussion regarding having Certified ASL Interpreters to be dispatched with Deaf survivors was tabled for a future meeting. Commissioner Powel was nominated and approved to be an alternative representative on the Joint Inclusion Commission was approved. In February, there were presentations from representatives from the McBeth center and other Adult with Disability recreational centers. There were several attempts to pass recommendations. However, due to lack of Cameras being on during voting and individual votes taken into account, these votes were moved to a future meeting(Both the Chair and Vice-Chair were not present and city staff did not assist in ensuring voting was taken accurately0). During the March meeting, the TOMA requirements in regards to voting was clearly communicated to the Commission and staff. The Budget Recommendation to resubmit to City Council for the 2023-2024 Budget plan for increase funding for Adult recreation Centers for people with disabilities was approved. The Recommendation to increase funding for single stall Adult changing stations at parks was approved(for Adults with Disabilities who require this service) that are Wheelchair accessible at Zilker Park. There was a Recommendation passed to require Certified ASL Interpreters for Deaf Survivors was approved at this meeting. The Recommendation to Advocate that the MBWE program to include the language of Disabilities was approved by the Commission. The Recommendation to inquire the City of Austin's position on Downtown Scooters was approved. In April, The Chair and Vice-Chair positions were elected. Commissioner Powell was nominated and elected to serve as the Primary representative of the Joint Inclusion Committee. Commissioner Boadwater was nominated and elected to serve as alternate Chair. In May of 2023, Vice-Chair Meyer was elected as the lanternative of the JIC as Commissioner Broadwater's term had ended with MCPD> We had a presentation and the MCPD voted to join in with the Music Commission in collaboration to ensure that Austin's music venues are accessible for People with Disabilities. At the June 2023 meeting, the vote to form a working group to collaborate with the music Commission taskforce was tabled due to lack of interest to serve and Commissioner's absent who had voiced interest.

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

(If any of the board's actions were outside the scope of the mission statement, the report should explain the non-compliance issues.)

The actions of the MCPD abided by its Mission statement. However, with lack of quorum and terms ending/ Commissioner's resigning officially and unofficially due to attendance issues, the goals of the MCPD were often put on hold.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

(Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.)

Continue serving the Disability Community for the City of Austin and abide by the Mission Statement of the MCPD.

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