



***MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023***

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, September 8, 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
Elisabeth Meyer, Vice Chair

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Jennifer Powell
Lira Ramirez
Micheal Fetonte
Pete Salazar

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities July 14, 2023, regular meeting. **The minutes from the meeting of (07/14/2023) were approved on Salazar's motion, and Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, and Kristen Vassallo)**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion and updates on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). (Jeremy Garza)
Discussion was held and the presentation was made by Jeremy Garza and Jennifer Powell.
3. Presentation from Yariel Diaz and Michele Lee on Cruise autonomous rideshare operations and the upcoming Origin Mobility Vehicle. **The presentation was made by Yariel Diaz, Michele Lee and Hannah Garcia.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. 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. The motion to establish a working group to review music venues and entertainment venues in Austin for improvements for people with disabilities and appoint Chair Franks, Commissioner Salazar, and Commissioner Powell as workgroup members was approved on Commissioner Powell's motion, and Vice Chair Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, and Kristen Vassallo)**

5. Discussion and possible action to establish a working group to discuss safety and accessibility for people with Disabilities on Austin's public transportation system. **Discussion was held. The motion to establish 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 Salazar's second on a (6-0) vote. The motion to appoint Chair Franks, Vice Chair Meyer's, Commissioner Rameriz, and Commissioner Salazar as workgroup members was approved on Commissioner Salazar's motion, and Vice Chair Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, and Kristen Vassallo)**

6. Discussion and possible action on appointing a new member to the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC). **Discussion was held and no action was taken. Request to roll over to October Agenda.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The motion to appoint an alternative representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) was approved on Vice Chair Meyer's motion, and Commissioner Salazar's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, and Kristen Vassallo)

The motion to request a presentation on housing availability in the City of Austin in regard to new construction and future plans was approved on Commissioner Salazar's motion, and Vice Chair Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, and Kristen Vassallo)

Chair Jonathan Franks adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m. without objection.

(Commissioner Meyer's made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. and Commissioner Salazar seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with the following Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts and Kristen Vassallo)

The minutes from the meeting of (09/08/2023) were approved at the Friday, October 13, 2023, meeting on Vassallo's motion, and Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Pete Salazar, and Jennifer Powell)

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