



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023**

**The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, October 13, 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:**

Mickey Fetonte  
Lira Ramirez  
Kristen Vassallo  
Adrienne Hogan

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities September 8, 2023, regular meeting. **The minutes from the meeting of (09/08/2023) were approved on Vassallo's motion, and Meyer's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Jennifer Powell, and Pete Salazar)**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Discussion and updates on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). (Jeremy Garza and Alejandra Mireles) **Discussion was held, and the presentation was made by Jeremy Garza.**
3. Presentation: Weather Trends and Preparedness, Ana Urueta, Austin Public Health. **Discussion was held, and the presentation was made by Ana Urueta.**

4. Discussion between the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the Commission on Aging on common priorities and goals, and opportunities for collaboration (Chair Temperley and Chair Franks) **Discussion was held.**
5. Discussion and update on the AARP Walkability Audits completed by Age Friendly Austin and Aging is Cool (Chair Temperley, Commission on Aging) **Discussion was held.**
6. Discussion on gaining Joint Inclusion Committee support to host an Implicit Bias Awareness Event and drafting a proclamation for an Implicit Bias Awareness Day (Vice-Chair Bondi, Commission on Aging). **Discussion was held.**

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

7. Discussion and possible action on appointing a new member to the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC). **The motion to nominate Vice Chair Elisabeth Meyer to be appointed as a new member to the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was approved on Hogan's motion, and Vassallo's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Jennifer Powell, and Pete Salazar)**
8. Discussion and possible action on appointing an alternative representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). **The motion to nominate Lira Rameriz to be appointed as the alternate representative to the JIC was approved on Meyer's motion, and Vassallo's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Jennifer Powell, and Pete Salazar)**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**To propose an amended census for people with new physical and mental challenges or people experiencing lifelong physical and mental challenges. (Adrienne Hogan)**

**Report on how the City of Austin is thinking of jobs for people with disabilities and how the city is considering the population for people with disabilities. (Kristen Vassallo)**

**Chair Jonathan Franks adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. without objection.**

*(Vice Chair Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with the following Commissioners Absent: Donna Betts, Jennifer Powell, and Pete Salazar)*

*The minutes from the meeting of (10/13/2023) were approved at the Friday, November 3, 2023, meeting on Salazar's motion, and Vassallo's second on a (7-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Jonathan Franks and Donna Betts)*

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For more information on the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, please contact the Office of Civil Rights at (512) 974-3251.