



**COMMISSION ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2022**

The Commission on Aging convened a Regular Meeting at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 78702 and remotely.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, Janee Briesemeister, Vice Chair Amy Temperley, Emily De Maria Nicola, Erica Garcia-Pittman, Fred Lugo, Jacqueline Angel, Luz Lopez-Guerrero, Martin Kareithi, Patricia Bordie, Peter Varteressian, Richard Bondi, and Sally Van Sickle.

Board Members not in Attendance: Martha Bauman, Henry Van De Putte, and Natalie Cagle.

Staff in Attendance: Kodjo Dodo, Austin Public Health (Virtually); and Jeremy Garza, Equity Office (In-Person)

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the meeting to order at 12:08pm.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Barbara Epstein – on Capital Metro’s failing to record how many seniors they serve. Propose two recommendations: One, to get specific information from CapMetro how they plan senior transit if they have no numbers. Two, to get neighborhood associations to engage their senior residents to find out what they need so those needs can be addressed. Will send written comments to the chair.

Warner Cook – Planner in the Housing & Planning Department. Provide update on the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD. Reach out via email at etod@austintexas.gov and find the plan online at: <https://www.speakupaustin.org/etodpolicyplan>. Going to city council on December 8th, to approve by resolution.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the October 12th, 2022 Regular Commission on Aging Meeting.
 - Motion to approve the October 12th Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Peter Varteressian. Seconded by Commissioner Luz Lopez Guerrero. All in favor. None Opposed. None Abstained. Motion carries unanimously.

STAFF BRIEFINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Staff briefing regarding Age-Friendly Austin Update, Kodjo Dodo, Manager, Planning and Evaluation Unit, Austin Public Health.

- Tabitha's replacement, a new Age-Friendly Coordinator, has been hired & will start at APH on December 5th, 2022. (Tentative Start Date)
- The Community Engagement Specialist Position: is awaiting approval from corporate human resources department (HRD), before posting & hiring.
- Internship hired and schedule to start is January 2023.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation: City Services for Older Adults Audit, Neha Sharma and Kelsey Thompson, Office of the City Auditor.
 - Presentation reviewed the City Services for Older Adults Audit, including recommendations for the City Manager and the Director of Austin Public Health.
4. Review and Discuss Age-Friendly Austin Community Feedback Survey 2023
 - Commissioners reviewed the last Feedback Survey in preparation for the 2023 survey.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and Possible Action on City of Austin Audit on Access to City Services for Seniors.
 - No action was taken at this time, Commissioners will compile and provide their feedback to the Office of the City Auditor.
6. Discussion and possible action on the Quality-of-Life Townhalls.
 - No action was taken at this time. The Commissioners will let the staff liaison know who will be attending what townhall.
7. Discussion and possible action on reforming the Commission on Aging Working Groups.
 - Motion by Commissioner Emily De Maria Nicola to create a working group on working groups, composed of Fred, Richard, Patti, Janee, to report back no later than the January regular meeting about findings from the City Clerk. Seconded by Richard Bondi. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion carries unanimously.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

8. Update from Commission Work Plan
 - No discussion currently.
9. Update from the Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
10. Update from the Budget Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
11. Update from the Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
12. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee
 - No discussion currently.
13. Update from the Quality-of-Life Study Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
14. Update from the Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
15. Update from the Transportation, Housing, and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - No discussion currently.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

16. Discussion and possible action from the FY23 Budget Workshop November 5th, 2022.
 - No action taken at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Voting on changes to the survey and approving the survey
- Audit comments
- Quality of Life Study updated & follow-up.
- JIC/Quality-of-Life Town Halls
- Possibly, New Age Friendly Coordinator

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 2:07pm

The minutes were approved at the December 14th, 2022 meeting on Commissioner Varteressian's motion, Commissioner Garcia Pittman second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioners Bordie, Lopez-Guerrero, Van Sickle, and Van De Putte were absent.