



**COMMISSION ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 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 (Joined Virtually at 12:08), Fred Lugo, Jacqueline Angel, Martin Kareithi, Peter Varteressian, Richard Bondi (Virtually left meeting at 1:30pm), Martha Bauman (Joined in person at 12:10pm).

Board Members not in Attendance: Patricia Bordie, Luz Lopez-Guerrero, Sally Van Sickle, and Henry Van De Putte.

Staff in Attendance: Kodjo Dodo, Nicole Howe, and Halana Kaleel, Austin Public Health.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Briesemeister, called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.

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.

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the November 9th, 2022 Regular Commission on Aging Meeting.
 - The minutes from the meeting of November 9th, 2022, were approved on Commissioner Varteressian motion, Commissioner Garcia Pittman second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioners Bordie, Lopez-Guerrero, Van Sickle, and Van De Putte were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Staff briefing regarding Age-Friendly Austin Update, Kodjo Dodo, Manager, Planning and Evaluation Unit, Austin Public Health.
 - Update given on staff recruitment and a Mighty Good Time and City of Austin agreement.
3. Introduction: New Age Friendly Austin Program Coordinator, Nicole Howe, Planning and Evaluation Unit, Austin Public Health.
 - Nicole Howe introduced herself to the Commission.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Discussion on Upcoming Quality of Life Townhalls-December 15th, January 11th, and January 14th.
 - Commissioners were encouraged to attend and participate in the townhalls, however, there is not to be a quorum at these meetings. 2-3 Commissioners will attend at a time.
5. Discussion on Quality-of-Life Study Retreat that occurred on November 12th, 2022.
 - Commissioner Bondi completed notes from the retreat which have been used to draft scope of work for the Commission on Aging Quality of Life Study.
6. Discussion, update, and follow-up on the Commission on Aging Quality of Life Study
 - The draft scope of work was reviewed that was prepared by the Quality-of-Life Study Working Group. No action will be taken at this time, but a draft has been completed.
7. Discussion on FY23-24 Budget Recommendation Cycle Planning and Engagement.
 - The survey is being completed and Support Staff will identify community events to attend.
8. Discussion on the Mighty Good Time Website, Commissioner Temperly.
 - Vice-Chair Temperly walked the Commissioners through the new site.
 - APH Support Staff will work on a communications plan, and on promoting the new site.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

9. Discussion and Possible Action on the Age-Friendly Austin Community Feedback Survey 2023
 - Edits to survey were provided and discussed including more inclusive language.
 - The motion to approve the Age-Friendly Austin Community Feedback Survey was approved on Commissioner Varteressian motion, Vice-Chair Temperly second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioners Bordie, Lopez-Guerrero, Van Sickle, and Van De Putte were absent.
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission on Aging Comments on the City of Austin Audit on Access to City Services for Seniors.
 - Chair Briesmeister provided draft comments on audit and asked Commissioners for additional feedback and clarification.
 - The motion to approve the Commission on Aging Comments on the City of Austin Audit on Access to City Services for Seniors was approved on Vice-Chair Temperly motion, Commissioner Bondi second on a 10-0 vote. Commissioners Bordie, Lopez-Guerrero, Van Sickle, and Van De Putte were absent.
11. Discussion and Possible Action on planning an older-adult focused townhall for FY23-24 Budget Cycle.
 - Focus on distributing annual survey at older adult events.
 - Connect with PARD and AARP on already occurring events to outreach and spotlight at.
12. Discussion and Possible Action on the Joint Quality of Life Study Retreat being led by City of Austin Joint Inclusion Committee.
 - Jeremy Garza from the City of Austin Equity Office informed and updated the Commissioners on this upcoming retreat.
 - Commissions that are not doing studies are invited for input and collaboration.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

13. Update from Commission Work Plan
 - No discussion currently.
14. Update from the Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
15. Update from the Budget Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
16. Update from the Community Support and Health Services Working Group

- No discussion currently.
- 17. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee
 - No discussion currently.
- 18. Update from the Quality-of-Life Study Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
- 19. Update from the Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
- 20. Update from the Transportation, Housing, and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
- 21. Update from the Working Group on Working Groups.
 - A meeting occurred with the City Clerk to determine how to get Work Groups in compliance.
 - Changes coming in future meetings to be more transparent and clearer about working groups goals and workplans.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- 22. Discussion and Possible Action on the Draft Quality of Life Study Scope of Work.
 - No action was taken at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Officer elections will occur in February 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 1:59pm without objection.

The minutes were approved at the January 11th, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Varteressian's motion, Chair Briesemeister second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Van De Putte, Lopez-Guerrero, Bauman, Lugo, and Bondi were absent.