



***MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024***

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, January 12, 2024, in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Elisabeth Meyer called the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

Elisabeth Meyer, Vice Chair

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Adrienne Hogan  
Jennifer Powell  
Lira Ramirez  
Pete Salazar  
Kristen Vassallo

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities December 8, 2023, regular meeting. **The minutes from the meeting of (12/08/2023) were approved on Salazar's motion, and Hogan's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Absent: Jonathan Franks, Donna Betts, and Mickey Fetonte.)**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Introduction and welcome to Christi Vitela, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities new staff liaison beginning March 2024. **An introduction was made by Christi Vitela.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Discussion and updates on the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). (Jeremy Garza and Alejandra Mireles) Discussion and updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) December 6, 2023, meeting. (Jeremy Garza and Alejandra Mireles) **Discussion was not held. Request for Item #3 to roll over to February 2024 agenda.**
4. Discussion and updates from the COTA Disability Access Taskforce liaison. (Donna Betts). **Discussion was not held. Request for Item #4 to roll over to February 2024 agenda.**
5. Discussion to determine ad hoc committees based on the goals of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. **Discussion was held. Request for Item #5 to roll over to February 2024 agenda.**

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

6. Discussion and possible action to establish a working group to review an amended census for people with new physical or mental challenges and people who are experiencing lifelong physical or mental challenges. **Discussion was held. The motion to create a Demographic Working Group to find and encapsulate the amount of Austinites with Disabilities that get serviced or need services was approved on Salazar's motion, and Powell's second on a (6-0) vote. Adrienne Hogan, Jennifer Powell, and Lira Ramirez volunteered to join the established Demographic Working Group. (Commissioners Absent: Jonathan Franks, Donna Betts, and Mickey Fetonte.)**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Standing updates from the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC) liaison Vice Chair Meyer.

Discussion with action on results of virtual townhall meetings.

Presentation on the Equity-Based Preservation Plan at April 2024 meeting.

Discussion on request for Public Safety Commission joint meeting at March 2024 meeting.

**Vice Chair Elisabeth Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m. without objection.**

*(Commissioner Salazar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. and Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with the following Commissioners Absent: Jonathan Franks, Donna Betts, and Mickey Fetonte.)*

**The minutes were approved at the 3/8/2024 meeting on Vice Chair Meyer's motion, Commissioner Salazar's second on a 6-0 vote. Chair Franks, Commissioners Ramirez and Vassallo were absent.**