



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
Friday, June 14, 2024**

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular called meeting on Friday, June 14, 2024, at City Hall, 301 W 2nd St Austin, Texas.

Chair Meyer called the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- Elisabeth Meyer, Chair
- Jonathan Franks, Vice Chair
- Adrienne Hogan

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

- Lisa Chang
- Mickey Fetonte
- Jennifer Powell
- Pete Salazar
- Kristen Vassallo

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities regular meeting on April 12, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting of 04/12/2024 were approved on Vice Chair Frank's motion, Commissioner Salazar's second on an 8-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Updates on the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC) by Chair Elisabeth Meyer.

Chair Meyer provided an update.

3. Discussion and identification of organizations in the disability community which may provide opportunities to partner for advocacy.

Discussion was held. The following organizations were identified:

Texas Workforce

Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center

Texas School for the Blind

National Federation of the Blind

American Council of the Blind of Texas

ADAPT

Disability Advocacy Student Coalition at UT Austin

Intellectual Disability Community

Texas Workforce Commission

Texas State Independent Living Council

Coalition for the Deaf

CapMetro Access

UT Austin Trauma/Recovery Center

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Update membership and clarify scope of data collection as part of the Demographic Working Group.
The motion to add Vice Chair Franks to the Demographic Working Group was approved on Commissioner Hogan's motion, Commissioner Powell's second on an 8-0 vote.
5. Approve an alternate representative of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to the Joint Inclusion Committee.
The motion to add Commissioner Chang as alternate representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee was approved on Vice Chair Frank's motion, Commissioner Vassallo's second, on an 8-0 vote.
6. Approve Recommendation 20240614-006 regarding safety concerns following Land Development Code changes.

The motion to approve the Recommendation regarding safety concerns following Land Development Code changes was made by Vice Chair Franks, seconded by Commissioner Vassallo.

The motion to amend the Recommendation was made by Commissioner Vassallo, seconded by Commissioner Hogan.

The amendment was to remove “suffering from” in the third paragraph and replace with the word “with.”

The Recommendation was approved as amended on an 8-0 vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Follow up on Recommendation regarding safety concerns following Land Development Code changes in September or October.

Quality of Life Study 2022

Joint Inclusion Committee updates

Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC) updates

Annual Report

Approve Vice Chair Franks as representative to the Community Advancement Network (CAN)

Update on accessibility in Texas state parks

Recognition of organizations/businesses who hire people with disabilities and Disability Awareness month in August

Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the 07/12/2024 meeting on Vice Chair Frank's motion, Commissioner Vassallo's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Hogan was off the dais. Commissioner Salazar was absent.