



MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
Friday, October 11, 2024

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular called meeting on Friday, October 11, 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
Gabriel Arellano
Conor Kelly

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Jonathan Franks, Vice Chair
Lisa Chang
Mickey Fetonte
Jennifer Powell
Pete Salazar

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities regular meeting on April 8, 2022.
The minutes from the meeting on April 8, 2022 were approved on Vice Chair Frank's motion, Commissioner Powell's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Salazar was off the dais. Commissioner Vassallo was absent.
2. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities regular meeting on September 13, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting on September 13, 2024 were approved on Commissioner Chang's motion, Vice Chair Frank's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Salazar was off the dais. Commissioner Vassallo was absent.

STAFF BRIEFING

3. Presentation by Ana Montiel, Program Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, and Dana Nielsen, Social Worker, Austin Public Health, on the work of the Self Sufficiency Case Management Program.

The presentation was given by Ana Montiel, Program Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, and Dana Nielsen, Social Worker, Austin Public Health.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule.

The motion to approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule was approved on Commissioner Salazar's motion, Vice Chair Frank's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Franks was off the dais. Commissioner Vassallo was absent.

5. Discussion of the Equity Based Preservation Plan and approval of a Recommendation to Council.

The motion to approve the Recommendation to the City Council of the Equity-Based Preservation Plan was motioned by Commissioner Chang, seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

The following amendment to the last sentence was made by Commissioner Kelly: "contingent upon the Planning Department committing to encouraging use of historic property tax abatement for accessibility improvements in their materials."

Commissioner Kelly withdrew his amendment.

The motion to approve the Recommendation to the City Council of the Equity-Based Preservation Plan failed on a 0-6 vote. Chair Meyer and Vice Chair Franks abstained. Commissioner Vassallo was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Presentation by Ron Lucey, Executive Director, and Norman Kieke, Community Outreach & Information Specialist, with the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities regarding information about local Texas committees and their impact on issues relevant to persons with disabilities, along with information on the annual Lex Frieden Employment Awards.

Presentations were made by Ron Lucey, Executive Director, and Norman Kieke, Community Outreach & Information Specialist, with the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

7. Discussion of ways to improve sidewalk accessibility by encouraging residents to park scooters in the street rather than on walkways.

The motion to postpone this item to the November 2024 meeting was approved on Commissioner Kelly's motion, Chair Meyer's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Franks was off the dais. Commissioner Vassallo was absent.

8. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) representative on the JIC Budget Input Sessions for Fiscal Year 2026.

Commissioner Powell provided an update. Commissioner Fetonte said he would attend the November 6th JIC Budget Input Session.

9. Discussion of Disability Employment and Entrepreneur Awards.

The motion to withdraw this item was approved on Commissioner Kelly's motion, Commissioner Salazar's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Franks was off the dais. Commissioner Vassallo was absent.

10. Discussion of Disability Pride and Disability Awareness in 2025.

The motion to withdraw this item was approved on Commissioner Salazar's motion, Commissioner Kelly's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Franks was off the dais. Commissioner Vassallo was absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Equity-Based Preservation Plan Recommendation (Fetonte, Kelly)

Update from the CAC Committee (Meyer, Kelly)

Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the November 8, 2024, meeting on Commissioner Kelly's motion, Commissioner Powell's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Franks and Commissioner Vassallo were absent.