



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES**

**Friday, August 8, 2025, 5:30pm
Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room #1101
301 West 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701**

Some members of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities may be participating by videoconference. The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Nekaybaw Watson, 512-974-2562, nekaybaw.watson@austintexas.gov.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Conor Kelly, *Chair*
Elisabeth Meyer, *Vice Chair*
Gabriel Arellano
Lisa Chang
DeLawnia Comer-HaGans
Audrea Diaz

Mickey Fetonte
Jonathan Franks
Lynn Murphy
Elizabeth Slade
Kristen Vassallo

AGENDA

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation – 35th American Disability Act Anniversary – To be presented by Mayor Kirk Watson

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities regular called meeting on July 11, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation from Jetal Bhakta, Pedestrian Crossing Program Manager, Transportation and Public Works and Sheida Carugati, Transportation Planning Engineer, DKS Associates regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans for Pedestrian Crossings Program and Urban Trails Program.
3. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee representatives on the work of the committee from the July 2025 meeting.
4. Update regarding the most recent meeting of the Austin Transit Partnership Community Advisory Committee.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

5. Update from the October 2025 AWEbility Festival Working Group on their most recent meetings and accomplishments.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Formation of a working group regarding the expansion of therapeutic recreation program access and the creation of budget recommendations for therapeutic recreation programs within the Austin Parks and Recreation Department.
7. Formation of a Budget Working Group to discuss and create recommendations about the committee's budget priorities.
8. Approve an update to the membership of the AWEbility Festival Working Group.
9. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the creation of a community center in the South Congress and Riverside Development.
10. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the creation of a partnership between the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the Texas Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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