



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

**Friday, September 12, 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

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 meeting on August 8, 2025.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding the therapeutic recreation programs being planned and implemented by Evan Kessler, Recreation Program Supervisor, Austin Parks and Recreation and Rachel Hyde, Recreation Program Supervisor, Austin Parks and Recreation regarding therapeutic recreation programs their budget needs for more accessible therapeutic recreation programs.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation by Ann Graham, Liaison, Friends of Elisabet Ney regarding renovation plans for the Elisabet Ney Museum and their plans to make the space more accessible to patrons.
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 community outreach and marketing efforts.

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 to allocate funds to cover AWEbility Festival costs.
10. Approve a Recommendation to Council to develop a marketing strategy for the AWEbility Festival.
11. Approve a Recommendation to Council to recognize and reward three awardees at the upcoming AWEbility Festival.
12. Approve a Recommendation to Council to request an official letter from the City's Financial Services Team to verify the City of Austin's EIN for funding assistance of the AWEbility Festival.
13. Approve the appointment of a representative from the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities to review the agendas and report important priorities from the ATP Project Connect Committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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