



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
Friday, July 11, 2025**

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, July 11, 2025, at City Hall, 301 W 2nd St. Room 1101, Austin, Texas.

Chair Kelly called the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Conor Kelly, *Chair*
Gabriel Arellano

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Lisa Chang
DeLawnia Comer-HaGans
Lynn Murphy
Elizabeth Slade

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Zenobia Joseph – Public transportation systems in Austin

Morgan Clift – Great Strides ABA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities regular called meeting on June 13, 2025.

The minutes from the meeting of June 13, 2025 were approved on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on an 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Meyer and Commissioners Diaz, Fetonte, Franks, and Vassallo were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding upcoming events from the Office of Police Oversight. Briefing provided by Cooper Thompson, Community Engagement Specialist, and Sara Peralta, Public Information and Marketing Program Manager, Office of Police Oversight.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation regarding instant ASL Access by Joseph Tsai, CONVO.
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4. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) representative on the work of the committee from the June 2025 meeting.
Update provided by Commissioner Chang.
5. Discussion of disability access at Blues on the Green.
Discussed.
6. Update regarding the most recent meeting of the Austin Transit Partnership Community Advisory Committee.
Postponed to the next regular meeting with no objection.
7. Discussion regarding the Texas Department of Transportation Civil Rights Division's 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Withdrawn.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8. Update from the October 2025 Disability Event Working Group on their most recent meetings and accomplishments.
Update provided by Commissioner Arellano.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

9. 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.
This item was postponed on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Murphy's second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Meyer and Commissioners Diaz, Fetonte, Franks, and Vassallo were absent.
10. Approval of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities 2024-2025 Annual Internal Review Report.
The motion to approve the 2024-2025 Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Annual Internal Review Report was approved on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Meyer and Commissioners Diaz, Fetonte, Franks, and Vassallo were absent.

11. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding support for the AWEbility Festival, a proposed citywide disability inclusion event planned for October 2025 and 2026 in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
The motion to approve a Recommendation to Council regarding support for the AWEbility Festival, a proposed citywide disability inclusion event planned for October 2025 and 2026 in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month was approved on Commissioner Arellano's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Meyer and Commissioners Diaz, Fetonte, Franks, and Vassallo were absent.

12. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the implementation of CONVO Access – an on-demand ASL interpreting service – at various public facilities to improve communication equity for Deaf and Hard of Hearing residents.
The motion to approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the implementation of CONVO Access an on-demand ASL interpreting service – at various public facilities to improve communication equity for Deaf and Hard of Hearing residents was amended on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Arellano's second to insert “exploring” after “recommends”. The motion was approved as amended on Commissioner Arellano's motion, Chair Kelly's second on a 6-0 vote. Vice Chair Meyer and Commissioners Diaz, Fetonte, Franks, and Vassallo were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Presentation about the training practices regarding people with disabilities from the Engagement Specialist for the Office of Police Oversight

Updates from the Transit Working Group.

Potential Recommendation to Council to create a partnership with the Texas Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

Creation of a Budget Working Group

Presentation from Austin Police Department for follow up about database

Invite Civil Rights Officer, Enrique Serrano to discuss what the Office of Equity and Inclusion is planning for 2025.

Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. without objection.

The motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2025 regular meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was approved during the November 14, 2025 regular meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Vassallo's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Meyer was off dais. Commissioners Fetonte and Slade were absent.