



**MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Friday, November 14, 2025**

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, November 14, 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 5:31 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Conor Kelly, *Chair*
Gabriel Arellano
Audrea Diaz

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Elisabeth Meyer, *Vice Chair*
Lisa Chang
DeLawnia Comer-HaGans
Lynn Murphy
Kristen Vassallo

Commissioners Absent:

Mickey Fetonte
Elizabeth Slade

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Melinda Crockom- Congratulations for the AWEbility Festival success!!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities regular meeting minutes on September 12, 2025.
The motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 12, 2025 on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Arellano's second passed on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Meyer was off the dais. Commissioners Fetonte and Slade were absent.

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

The motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 12, 2025 on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Vassallo's second passed on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Meyer was off the dais. Commissioners Fetonte and Slade were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. Staff briefing regarding therapeutic recreation programs. Presentation by Sara Carlson, Recreation Program Manager, Austin Parks and Recreation and Evan Kessler, Recreation Program Supervisor, Austin Parks and Recreation.

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4. Staff briefing regarding the Digital Accessibility Compliance Project. Presentation by Luisa Apolaya Torres, Senior Service Designer, Austin Technology Services.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Presentation of AWEbility Festival Awards. Community Award to be presented to ADAPT of Texas. Government Award to be presented to Travis County Services for Deaf. Individual Award to be presented to Hayley Broadway.

Awards given.

6. Discussion of the AWEbility WEE Festival regarding a recap of the event.

Discussion was held.

7. Discussion regarding the submission of budget priorities to Budget Working Group Members. (Current Members: Chair Kelly, Commissioner Chang, and Commissioner Vassallo).

Discussion was held.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Approve a recommendation to Council for support of the Elisabet Ney Museum renovations.

The motion to approve a recommendation to Council for support of the Elisabet Ney Museum renovations was approved on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Vassallo's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Fetonte and Slade were absent.

9. Approve the 2026 annual schedule of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities.

The motion to approve the 2026 annual schedule of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was approved on Vice Chair Meyer's motion, Commissioner Arellano's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Fetonte and Slade were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of Texas Tribune Fest and Trail of Lights Mobility Accessibility

Adding members to AWEbility Festival Working Group

Write a recommendation to Council to find funding for AWEbility Festival 2026

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm was approved on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Vassallo's on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Fetonte and Slade were absent.

The motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2025, regular meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was approved during the December 12, 2025, meeting on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Vassallo was off the dais. Vice Chair Meyer and Commissioners Comer-HaGans and Murphy were absent.