MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 301 W 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

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

Commissioners in Attendance:
Conor Kelly, Chair
Lisa Chang, Vice Chair
Gabriel Arellano
Alejandro "Alex" San Martin

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Delawnia Comer-HaGans
Kristen Vassallo

Commissioners Absent:
Mickey Fetonte
Lynn Murphy
Elizabeth Slade

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Hasan Kaya – Introduction to the Committee
Melinda Crockom – Disability Employment Awareness Month Poster Competition

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Regular Meeting on March 13, 2026.

   The motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2026, regular meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was approved on Chair Kelly's motion,

Commissioner San Martin's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Fetonte, Murphy, and Slade were absent.

STAFF BRIEFING

2. Staff briefing from the Urban Design Division of Austin Planning regarding updates to the Great Streets program and accessibility improvements. Presentation given by Jill Amezcua, Principal Planner, Austin Planning.
   Presentation given by Jill Amezcua, Principal Planner, Austin Planning.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation by Savvy Tech regarding PDF and online document accessibility. Presentation by Benjamin Chen, technical lead, AIMRobotics, Jaxsen Day, digital disability researcher, University of Texas, and Katherine Chen, CEO, AIMRobotics.
   Presentation given by Benjamin Chen, technical lead, AIMRobotics, Jaxsen Day, digital disability researchers, University of Texas, and Katherine Chen, CEO, AIMRobotics.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Approve the election of Chair.
   The motion to approve Conor Kelly as Chair of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was approved on Vice Chair Chang's motion, Commissioner San Martin's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Fetonte, Murphy, and Slade were absent.

5. Approve the election of Vice Chair.

   The motion to elect Commissioner Chang as Vice Chair failed on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Vassallo's second on a 4-2 vote. Chair Kelly and Commissioners Comer-HaGans, Chang, and Vassallo voted aye. Commissioners Arellano and San Martin voted nay. Commissioners Fetonte, Murphy, and Slade were absent.

   The motion to elect Commissioner San Martin as Vice Chair failed on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on a 2-4 vote. Commissioners Arellano and San Martin voted aye. Chair Kelly and Commissioners Comer-HaGans, Chang, and Vassallo voted nay. Commissioners Fetonte, Murphy, and Slade were absent.

6. Approve an alternate for the Joint Inclusion Committee.

   The motion to approve Commissioner Arellano as the Joint Inclusion Committee alternate was approved on Vice Chair Chang's motion, Chair Kelly's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Fetonte, Murphy, and Slade were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Presentation from CapMetro regarding transportation connection issues

-Approve the election of Vice Chair

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:47pm on Chair Kelly's motion, Commissioner Vassallo's second.

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2026, regular meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities was approved during the June 12, 2026 regular meeting on Commissioner Vassallo's motion, Commissioner Murphy's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Arellano was absent.