



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes November 9, 2018

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (9 November 2018)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on November 9, 2018 at the Board and Commission Room #1100 located inside City Hall at 201 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Austin, Texas.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Brian Owens called the November 9, 2018 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair, Brian Owens, Commissioners: Rachel Gandy, Joey Gidseg, Kevin Jackson, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Chris Masey, Robin Orłowski and Danny Saenz Absent: Vice-chair Jonathan Franks, Commissioners, Deborah Trejo and Sarah Webb

**Staff in Attendance:** David Ondich, ADA Program Manager

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Robin Orłowski made a motion to approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities September 14, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** There were No citizen communications during the November 9, 2018 MCPD Regular Meeting.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS:

**3A. Discussion and possible action:** regarding approval of 2019 MCPD Regular Meeting schedule –Full Committee.

**Action:** Commissioner Rachael Gandy made a motion to approve the MCPD 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Orłowski. The Motion passed unanimously. To view the Commissioners' comments on this item in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 3A.

**3B. Discussion and possible action:** regarding approving the February 2019 meeting as the joint meeting between MCPD and The Commission on Seniors – Full Committee.

**Action:** Commissioner Kevin Jackson made a motion to approve the February 2019 joint meeting between the MCPD and the Commission on Seniors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Danny Saenz. The Motion passed unanimously. To view the Commissioners' comments on this item in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 3B.

**Chair Owens** recommended that item 5B The Austin Transportation Department Staff Presentation be moved up on the agenda. There were no objections. Please refer to item 5B further down on the minutes for the summary of this item.

- 3C. **Discussion and possible action:** on recommending a property tax exemption for Austinites with disabilities – Chair Owens, Full Committee: This item was tabled, pending a future presentation by the County Tax Assessor’s Office. To view the complete Commissioners’ comments before tabling this item please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 3C.
- 3D. **Discussion:** regarding Austin Police Audit Report on response to mental health related incidents – Commissioners Robin Orłowski and Joey Gidseg: Following a discussion of the Police Audit Report, it was recommended that the committee receive a presentation from the Austin Police Department. To view the Commissioners’ comments on this item in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 3D.
- 3E. **Discussion:** regarding lack of braille signage at NYOS Charter Schools – Vice-chair Franks and Chair Owens: This item was tabled, as Vice-chair Franks was not present at the meeting to lead the discussion. To view the complete Commissioners’ comments before tabling this item please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 3E

#### 4. COMMISSIONER BRIEFING

- 4A. **Report:** Joint Inclusion Committee October 26, 2018 Meeting- Commissioner Robin Orłowski. To view the complete report and Commissioners’ comments on this report in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 4A.

#### 5. STAFF BRIEFING

- 5A. **Report:** on the activities of the ADA Program Office, including Title I and Title II Presented by David Ondich, ADA Program Manager:  
**Action:** Commissioner Joey Gidseg made a motion requesting that the ADA Program Office provide some detail regarding the most common issues that the ADA Program Office receives on a monthly basis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Orłowski. The motion passed unanimously. To view the complete report and Commissioners’ comments on this report in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 5A.
- 5B. **Presentation:** Staff briefing on the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan to seek input regarding historically under-represented communities, by Liane Miller, Business Process Consultant, Sr., Austin Transportation Department. To view the presentation in its entirety and Commissioners’ comments, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 5B

6. **Commissioner Announcements** Chair Owens encouraged committee members to to submit nominations for employers who hire persons with disabilities. To view the announcement in full and the Commissioners’ comments on this announcement please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> view item 6.

## **7. Future Agenda Items**

7A. Austin Police representative to discuss APD's response to the Police Audit report;

7B. Travis County Tax Appraisal representative to discuss process for requesting tax breaks for citizens with disabilities;

7C. Austin Public Works presentation on the Sidewalk Master Plan;

7D. Joint inclusion Committee presentation on budget process

To view all future agenda items and the Commissioners' comments on future agenda items in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/110918-796> and view item 7&8.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Kevin Jackson made a motion to adjourn the November 9, 2018 meeting of the MCPD. Hearing no objection, Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 6:45p.m.