



## **Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes January 11, 2019**

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (11 January 2019)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on January 11, 2019 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:** With quorum present, Vice-Chair Jonathan Franks called the January 11, 2019 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Rachael Gandy made a motion to approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities December 14, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Orlowski. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** There were No citizen communications during the January 11, 2019 MCPD Regular Meeting.

**Vice Chair Jonathan Franks:** recommended that item 5B, the Staff briefing on the formation of a Mental Health Task Force in response to the Austin Police Department mental Health Audit by Austin Police Department (APD) Assistant Chief Joseph Chacon be moved up on the agenda.

**Motion:** Commissioner Rachel Gandy made the motion to move the presentation from APD up on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Orlowski. There motion passed unanimously.

Please refer to item 5B further down on the minutes for the summary of this item.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS:**

**3A. Discussion:** Discussion on property tax exemption for Austinites with disabilities, including presentation by Travis county Tax Assessor's Office – Chair Brian Owens, Full Committee. The item was tabled.

**3B. Discussion and possible action:** to draft a formal recommendation that The City of Austin conduct a Disability Demographic Study – Commissioners Robin Orlowski and Chris Masey. Following discussion on this item formal action was taken by the Committee.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Chris Masey that the Committee begin the process of having a "Disability Quality of Life" study created. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robin Orlowski and passed unanimously. To view the discussion in full and commissioners'

comments, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 3B.

- 3C. **Discussion and possible action:** regarding a formal recommendation to conduct joint meetings with other Quality of Life groups – Commissioner Robin Orlowski, Full Committee following the discussion on this item, the item was tabled no formal action was taken by the Committee. To view the discussion in full and commissioners' comments, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 3C.
- 3D. **Discussion and possible action:** to support a formal letter supporting the the Non-Discrimination Ordinance – Commissioner Orlowski, Full Committee. After discussion formal action was taken by the Committee.  
**Motion:** A motion was made by Commissioner Robin Orlowski that the MCPD support the letter written by the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Quality of Life Commission supporting the City's anti-discrimination ordinance on Housing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joey Gidseg. The motion passed 7 to 1. Yay votes: Vice Chair Jonathan Franks, Commissioners: Rachael Gandy, Joey Gidseg, Kevin Jackson, Diane Kerns-Osterweil, Chris Masey and Robin Orlowski. Nay vote: Chair Brian Owen To view the discussion in full and commissioners' comments, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 3E.
- 3E. **Discussion and possible action:** to draft a letter opposing cuts to the AISD Special Education budget – Commissioners Deborah Trejo and Diane Kearns-Osterweil. The item was tabled due to information not being available. It should be added to a future agenda item. To view commissioners' comments before tabling please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 3E.

#### 4. COMMISSIONER BRIEFING

- 4A. **Report:** Commissioner Orlowski did not give a report on the Joint Inclusion Committee. As the Committee did not meet in January.

#### 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:  
To view the commissioners' comments on this report in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 5A & 5C
- 5B. **Presentation:** Staff briefing on the formation of a Mental Health Task Force in response to the Austin Police Department mental Health Audit by APD Assistant Chief Joseph Chacon. Assistant Chief Chacon provided the committee with a comprehensive briefing on the formation of a Mental Health Task Force in response to the Austin Police Department mental Health Audit. To view the presentation in its entirety and Commissioners' comments, please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 5B.
- 5C. **Report:** on the MCPD recommendations to the FY2018/19 City of Austin Budget by David Ondich. There were no questions or comments in response to the report on the MCPD recommendations to the FY2018/19 City of Austin Budget. To view the report in its entirety and commissioners' comments,

please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 5A & 5C.

## **6. Commissioner Announcements**

- 6A. Chair Brian Owens reported that there has been no additional action regarding Disability Employer Awards.
- 6B. Chair Brian Owens announced his resignation from the MCPD, citing increased outside responsibilities. Vice-chair Jonathan Franks will serve as Chair of the MCPD until an election can be conducted. The election of the new Chair will likely take place at the March 8, 2019 meeting, as the February 8, 2019 meeting is the joint meeting with the Commission on Seniors. To view all commissioner announcements and commissioners; comments please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 6.

## **7. Future Agenda Items**

- 7A. Commissioner Joey Gidseg, Austin Boarding Homes, City accountability.
- 7B. Commissioner Robin Orłowski Capital Metro elimination of 803 southbound stop at new Central Library.  
To view all future agenda items and the Commissioners' comments on future agenda items in full please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/01112019-747> and view item 7 & 8

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Jonathan Franks made a motion to adjourn the January 11, 2019 meeting of the MCPD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kerns-Osterweil. All approved. Chair Brian adjourned the meeting at 6:52p.m.