



## Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) Regular Meeting Minutes April 12, 2019

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (12 April 2019)

The City of Austin, Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on April 12, 2019 at the Board and Commission Room #1100 located inside City Hall at 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St in Austin, Texas.

**CALL TO ORDER:** With quorum present, Vice-Chair Rachel Gandy called the April 12, 2019 meeting of the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Vice-Chair Rachel Gandy and Commissioners: Joey Gidseg, Diane Kearns-Osterweil, Chris Masey, Robin Orlowski, Danny Saenz, Deborah Trejo, Emily Shryock, Taurean Burt

Committee Members Absent: Chair Jonathan Franks and Commissioner Sarah Webb

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

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Robin Orlowski made a motion to approve the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities March 08, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joey Gidseg. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

### 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

citizen communications took place during the April 12, 2019 MCPD Regular Meeting.

2A. **Jennifer Summers:** Introduced herself as a Disability Rights Advocate.

2B. **Emily McCrout:** introduced the UT Disability Student Coalition

To view citizens' communications in their entirety, please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 2

### 3. NEW BUSINESS:

3A. **Discussion and Action:** Drafting recommendations for the City of Austin 2020 Budget. This item was moved to the end of New Business.

**Motion:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to allow the working group to submit the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. The motion passed unanimously. Budget work group was formed: Vice-Chair Rachael Gandy and Commissioners Joey Gidseg, Robin Orlowski, Danny Saenz and Emily Shryock will be members of the work group. To view the MCPD discussion on this item, in its entirety please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 3A

3B. **Discussion and action:** Appoint an MCPD Commissioner to the Pathways to Justice Disability Response Team, vacated by Commissioner Kevin Jackson.

**Motion:** Commissioner Taurean Burt made a motion to appoint Vice-Chair Rachael Gandy as the MCPD representative to the Pathways to Justice Disability Response Team. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah Trejo. The Motion passed unanimously. To view the MCPD discussion on this item, in its entirety please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 3B

3C. **Discussion and action:** Appoint MCPD Commissioners as primary and alternate representatives on the Joint Inclusion Committee.

**Motion:** Commissioner Chris Masey made a motion to appoint Commissioner Robin Orlowski as the primary and Commissioner Joey Gidseg, as the Alternate MCPD representative on the Joint Inclusion Committee. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Taurean Burt. The motion passed unanimously. To view the MCPD discussion on this item, in its entirety please visit:

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 3C

- 3D. **Discussion and action:** Formalize Working Group to plan 2019 October disability Employment Awards. Commissioners Emily Shryock and Diane Kearns-Osterweil volunteered for the working group. The Chair will seek additional committee members at the May 10 meeting. To view the MCPD discussion on this item, in its entirety please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 3D
- 3E. **Discussion:** Regarding housing at the Texas State Hospital. Commissioner Robin Orlowski recommended that the MCPD endorse the plan. The item was tabled, committee members recommended additional information be presented before taking action. To view the MCPD discussion on this item, in its entirety please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 3E

#### 4. COMMISSIONER BRIEFING

- 4A. **Report:** Commissioner Robin Orlowski gave a report on the Joint Inclusion Committee. The speaker for the meeting was the Food Policy Board discussing food equity issues in Austin Travis County. Another item involved endorsing a joint recommendation. Following some discussion, a motion was made to table the item to endorse the joint recommendation.

**Motion:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to table the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Kearns-Osterweil. The motion passed unanimously. To view the report in its entirety, please visit...

<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 3A and 6

#### 5. STAFF BRIEFING

- 5A. **Presentation:** by David Ondich ...To view the presentation from the ADA Program Administrator in its entirety please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 5

#### 6. Announcements

- 6A. Commissioner Joey Gidseg communicated several upcoming Texas House Bills that cover disabilities, for more information please contact Commissioner Gidseg.

#### 7. Future Agenda Items

- 7A. Consider supporting the Joint Inclusion Committee's Resolution;
- 7B. Discussion of access to legal Counsel, addressing disability issues from the Equity Office and remote access to City Council meetings for people who cannot attend meetings at City Hall.
- 7C. Seek volunteers for the Disability Employment Award Working Group;
- 7D. Consider frequency of JIC reports;
- 7E. Discussion on preferential hiring
- 7F. Discussion on closed caption in movie theaters; at a future MCPD meeting. To view discussion on announcements & future agenda items, in their entirety please visit: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/04122019-844> and view item 6 & 7&8

8. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion to adjourn the April 12, 2019 meeting of the MCPD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Joey Gidseg. The motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chair Rachael Gandy adjourned the meeting at 7:05p.m.