



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2020**

The Commission on Seniors convened a Regular Meeting at City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 78702.

Board Members in Attendance: *Chair, Janee Briesemeister, Vice Chair, Peter Varteressian, Adam Hauser, Amy Temperley, Billy Jackson, Erica Garcia-Pittman, Jacqueline Angel, Karen Grampp, Natalie Cagle, Patricia Bordie, and Sally Van Sickle.*

Board Members not in Attendance: *Diana Spain, Emily De Maria Nicola, Fred Lugo, and Martin Kareithi.*

Staff in Attendance: *Tabitha Taylor, Age Friendly Plan Program Coordinator, Austin Public Health and Halana Kaleel, Public Health Educator II, Austin Public Health*

Presenters: *None*

Chair, Janee Briesemeister called the Board Meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. The Commission introduced themselves.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. None

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS FEBRUARY 12TH, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AND THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FEBURARY 14TH, 2020 JOINT MEETING

- A. The minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 12th and the minutes for the Joint Meeting February 14th were approved on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Grampp second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioners Spain, De Maria Nicola, Lugo, and Kareithi were absent.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Support Staff Tabitha Taylor will provide COVID-19 update from Council Kitchen when ready.
- B. Meals on Wheels can provide input on services for home bound individuals.
- C. Aging is Cool is concerned about isolation of seniors during this time.
- D. If a confirmed case is identified there will be a public announcement, and Austin Public Health's investigation team will work to identify individuals exposed.
- E. Update on Senior Tax Exemption Resolution was provided, there will be another response provided with an after-action report by May 2020.

- i. Chair Briesemeister reviewed the memo provided and noted that it states there is no state law. She thinks this is inaccurate.
- ii. There is no mention of Williamson County.
- iii. Support Staff Tabitha will share this feedback on behalf of the Commission on Seniors.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Requests and Recommendations.
 - i. Budget Recommendations are due by April 10th.
 - ii. Expect a special called meeting for the end of March.
 - iii. Recommend voting to let the Budget Workgroup submit the budget recommendations.
 - iv. Commissioners review Budget packet prepared by Support Staff.
 - v. Commissioner Garcia-Pittman requested demographics for the social service contracts.
- B. Planning and Discussion of Older Americans Month 2020 Activities and Events.
 - i. Assistant City Manager Chris Shorter is available in May to present an award for Older Americans Month (OAM).
 - ii. SurveyMonkey will launch March 23rd and close April 13th for community to nominate older adults for OAM.
 - iii. Theme for OAM 2020 is Making the Mark
 - iv. Will set proclamation date for early May.
 - v. Recommendation approving the process for nominations and timeline for professional and community award for Older Americans Month was approved on Van Sickle motion, Commissioner Cagle second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioners Spain, De Maria Nicola, Lugo, and Kareithi were absent.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
 - i. No discussion currently.
- B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
 - i. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. See item III.A.
- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion currently.

V. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Presentation and Review of After-Action Report of Community Engagement for Budget.
 - i. Support Staff Halana Kaleel reviewed After Action Report with the Commissioners.
- B. Request Facility Tour of WellMed, San Antonio.
 - i. Commission on Seniors has been invited to take a facility tour in San Antonio.
 - ii. Transportation and Lunch will be provided.
 - iii. Commissioners would like to schedule this tour for possibly Fall of 2020.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Suggested agenda items for FY20.
 - i. Discussion tabled.
- B. Presentation Request from Senior Access.
 - i. Discussion tabled.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair, Janee Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m. without objection.