



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

3:00 PM

City Hall City Council Chambers

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The Committee for Persons with Disabilities is hereby established for the purpose of carrying on a program to encourage, assist, and enable persons with disabilities to participate in the social and economic life of the city; to achieve maximum personal independence; to become gainfully employed; and to enjoy fully and use all public and private facilities available within the community. (Ord. No. 24364, § 1, 2-13-2001)

A. Call To Order

Chairperson Trevino called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Committee Members:

Imelda Trevino – Chairperson

Michelle Jones – Vice Chairperson

Dr. Sonya Durrwachter - Secretary

Crystal Aguilar

Olga Barrera

Alejandro Benavides

Wilson Goodrich

Alison Johnson

Aliza Huerta

Chairperson Trevino called the roll and verified that a quorum of the Committee was present to conduct the meeting.

C. Public Comment

Chairperson Trevino opened and closed public comment seeing no one present to make public comments.

D. Minutes/Absences

1. [26-1055](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026, regular Committee meeting

Attachments: [June 3rd Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

Sonya Durrwachter motioned to approve the minutes. Michelle Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. [26-1062](#) Possible action on members' requests for excusal of absence from the June 3, 2026, regular Committee meeting

Attachments: [June 3rd Attendance Data](#)

Chairperson Trevino asked if any members were requesting an excused absence from the June 3, 2026, regular meeting. Michelle Jones requested an excusal. Aliza Huerta motioned to excuse Ms. Jones' absence. Sonya Durrwachter seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Member Wilson Goodrich asked for information about excusing absences. Staff Liaison Annika Yankee explained:

If a member misses a meeting, then they need to attend the next meeting and request an excusal during the agenda item for absence excusals. If the member is not present at the next meeting to request an excusal, then the absence remains "unexcused." Excuses are approved at the following meeting and not at the same meeting from which the member is absent. RSVPs are not considered a formal request for excusal. Mrs. Yankee reminded the Committee that members are allowed two unexcused absences each year of service. Upon the third unexcused absence, the City Secretary's Office automatically deems your position vacated. Excused absences are not counted towards their attendance, therefore, the committee should not excuse absences except for good cause. Chairperson Trevnio asked and Mrs. Yankee confirmed that if a member missed more than one meeting in a row, then they can only ask for an excusal for the last meeting missed.

E. Subcommittee Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

3. [26-1063](#) Report from the Outreach, Advocacy and Advisory Subcommittee

Wilson Goodrich asked about having a way for residents to contact the Committee regarding requests such as a webpage on the City's website and stated that the subcommittee is conducting outreach to agencies regarding the FY27 City Budget.

4. [26-1064](#) Report from the Accessibility Subcommittee

No report.

F. Staff Reports

5. [26-1065](#) Update on Committee operations and administration, impacts of the Mid-Year Budget Adjustment, employment awards, and other issues impacting the Committee.

Annika Yankee reviewed the City's Mid-Year Budget Adjustment that eliminated the Planning and Economic Development Department's Parking Enforcement positions and shifted the task to the Code Compliance Division at the Development Services Department. Employment awards are awaiting authorization.

6. [26-1066](#) Parking Violations Report for June 2026

Attachments: [ADA Citations June 2026](#)

Annika Yankee stated that the report was provided in the agenda packet.

7. [26-1067](#) 311 Call Center Report for June 2026

Attachments: [ADA 311 Calls June 2026](#)

Annika Yankee stated that the report was provided in the agenda packet.

G. Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action

8. [26-1068](#) Solid Waste Fines

Annika Yankee stated that the Solid Waste Department does not fine residents for failing to put away their trash bins if the resident is in the process of securing an accommodation.

9. [26-1069](#) ADA Grievance Reporting Procedures

No report made.

H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Chairperson Trevino requested the City to consider posting about the 36th anniversary of the ADA. Aliza Huerta announced two events: July 17th fundraiser at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center and July 18th deaf beach day at Michael J. Ellis Beach. Michelle Jones cited a news article about the lack of an ADA Transition Plan for Nueces County and announced a September 2th even called Run the Runway.

I. Future Agenda Items

No future items were discussed

J. Adjournment

Chairperson Trevino adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m.