



Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Wednesday, June 3, 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 3:03 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. [26-0690](#) Approval of Minutes of the April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Attachments: [DRAFT Minutes April 1, 2026 Meeting](#)

Sonya Durrwachter motioned to approve the minutes. Wilson Goodrich seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. [26-0703](#) Approval of Requests for Excused Absences

Sonya Durrwachter motioned to excuse the April 1, 2026, absences of Aliza Huerta (Long) and Crystal Aguilar. Wilson Goodrich seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Presentations & Briefings

3. [26-0704](#) Parks & Recreation Department - Summer Programs and Evacuation Drill on June 5th

Lisa Oliver from the Parks and Recreation Department presented information about summer programming, swim lessons, sensory time being added at the Natatorium, beach wheel chairs being available at Magee, North Beach, and Gulf beaches, a trail chair being available at Oso Wetlands Preserve, and the annual hurricane evacuation exercise. Aliza Huerta asked about the agencies involved in the evacuation exercise. Imelda Trevino asked about the modifications at Labonte Park. Ms. Oliver listed the agencies involved and replied that a walking trail was added to Labonte Park. Ms. Huerta requested a Public Service Announcement for all announcements. Ms. Oliver confirmed that the evacuation exercise was advertised on the local news.

F. Subcommittee Reports

4. [26-0705](#) Report from the Outreach, Advocacy and Advisory Subcommittee

Wilson Goodrich discussed reaching out to special populations to hear about their needs. Aliza Huerta would like brochures distributed to Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living and homeless shelters and so that people know they can come to public comment.

5. [26-0706](#) Report from the Accessibility Subcommittee

No report was given.

G. Staff Reports

6. [26-0721](#) Update on Committee operations and administration, parking violations, 311 reporting, employment awards, and other issues impacting the Committee.

Staff Liaison Annika Yankee reviewed the topics under the Staff Report including

ADA parking spaces, 311 reporting, CAST for Kids event, and the City's budget survey. Alison Johnson asked how ADA complaints are identified if there is no ADA category when calling 311. Mrs. Yankee stated that the complaints have to be directed to the department responsible for addressing the type of complaint. Aliza Huerta asked how ADA grievances are addressed. Alejandro Benavides asked if Solid Waste fines people who have not yet received their ADA accommodation. Aliza Huerta stated a desire for critical information, in particular, the Water Supply Briefings, to be made more accessible. Mrs. Yankee pointed out that the Office of Emergency Management has protocols for making information accessible and, in the past, the COVID health briefings were translated to ASL and Spanish.

H. Future Agenda Items

Alejandro Benavides would like to see a yearly ADA budget for ADA improvements at city parks. Annika Yankee recommended that the Accessibility Subcommittee address this request first. Aliza Huerta asked how committee members would give input on ADA improvements. Chairperson Trevino stated that the subcommittee would address Mrs. Huerta's concern.

I. Adjournment

Chairperson Trevino adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.