



**Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Committee for Persons with Disabilities**

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Wednesday, April 1, 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 Imelda 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 Long**

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

**Present:** 7 - Michelle Jones, Alejandro Benavides, Wilson Goodrich, Imelda Trevino, Sonya Durrwachter, Alison Johnson, and Olga Barrera

**Absent:** 2 - Crystal Aguilar, and Aliza Long

**C. Public Comment**

Chairperson Trevino opened and closed public comment, seeing no one present to

make public comments.

**D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences**

1. [26-0353](#) Approval of the February 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [DRAFT MeetingMinutes 4-Feb-2026-03-59-18](#)

Alejandro Benavides motioned to approve the minutes. Michelle Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sonya Durrwachter motioned to excuse the February 4, 2026, absences of Aliza Long and Crystal Aguilar. Michelle Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**E. Introductions**

Chairperson Trevino introduced and welcomed the new members, being Olga Barrera and Alison Johnson

**F. Presentations & Briefings**

2. [26-0496](#) Presentation from United for Autism Inclusion, a local nonprofit

**Attachments:** [Memo - Autism Acceptance Month](#)  
[Handout - Strides Towards Acceptance Run](#)

Marisa Ferdin from United for Autism Inclusion presented information about the organization, its mission, and upcoming event. Ms. Ferdin fielded questions from the Committee.

**G. Election of Officers**

3. [26-0359](#) Selection of officers for the term from March 4, 2026, until the first meeting after January 2027.

**Attachments:** [Agenda Memo - Election of Officers](#)

Chairperson Trevino called for nominations for the annual appointments of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Chairperson Trevino nominated and motioned for Sonya Durrwachter as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Alejandro Benavides. Wilson Goodrich nominated and motioned for Michelle Jones as Vice-Chair and Imelda Trevino seconded the motion. Wilson Goodrich nominated Imelda Trevino for Chairperson and Sonya Durrwachter seconded the motion. The three motions were passed unanimously in one vote.

**H. Subcommittee Assignments**

4. [26-0477](#) Possible assignment of new members to subcommittees and selection of Vice Chairperson of the Outreach, Advocacy and Advisory Subcommittee.

**Attachments:** [2026 CFPWD Subcommittee Assignments 02.12.2026 no contact information \(1\)](#)

Chairperson Trevino reviewed the role of the two subcommittees. She stated that Olga Barrera will be added to the Accessibility Subcommittee with Michelle Jones remaining as the Chair, Sonya Durrwachter as Vice-Chair, and Aliza Long as a member. Chairperson Trevino stated that Alison Johnson will be added to the Outreach, Advocacy and Advisory Subcommittee with Wilson Goodrich assuming the role of Vice-Chair, and Crystal Aguilar remaining as Chair and Alejandro Benavides as a member.

#### I. Subcommittee Reports

5. [26-0354](#) Accessibility Subcommittee Report

**Attachments:** [FY 2027 Budget Development Timeline](#)

Michelle Jones stated nothing to report this period.

6. [26-0355](#) Outreach, Advocacy, and Advisory Subcommittee Report

Wilson Goodrich stated that the subcommittee recommends that the City make sure that advertisements for job fairs and any public facing event include a statement that accommodations may be requested. Olga Barrera suggested that public events may be an opportunity for Del Mar College and TAMUCC students and instructors to practice American Sign Language as training before obtaining their certification. Following discussion on an inquiry from the City Human Resources Department, Michelle Jones stated that the Accessibility Committee can make a recommendation to the City on what kind of accommodations may be needed at events.

#### J. Staff Reports

7. [26-0356](#) Update on Committee operations and administration, parking violations, Parks and Recreation events, 311 reporting, employment awards, and other issues impacting the Committee.

**Attachments:** [311 ADA Inquiries - Feb 2026](#)  
[ADA Parking Report - Feb 2026](#)  
[Blocking Arch Design](#)

Annika Yankee, City Planner, introduced herself as the Committee's new staff liaison.

Ms. Yankee presented the 311 report and parking violation report from February; the 311 report from March was handed out; the March parking violation report was not available due to staff being on leave. The Committee discussed a need for more

details in the 311 report so that the Committee has a better understanding of the complaint so they can figure out how to help the community.

The Committee reviewed what "blocking architectural design" means and would like to know if ADA parking signs have to mention a fine.

Ms. Yankee discussed the need for meeting RSVPs by 4 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting so that accommodations can be made without financial penalty. The quorum will also be determined on Fridays before the meeting so that timely cancellations can be made.

The Committee's effort to provide budget recommendations and the City's budget calendar were discussed. The Accessibility Subcommittee will develop a memo with specific recommendations for ADA improvements.

Regarding Employment Awards, Wilson Goodrich stated that the Committee submitted their recommendation to create this program and awaiting a response.

**K. Unfinished Business**

8. [24-1834](#) Resolution in support of accessible public service announcements for community members with visual loss, hearing loss, and limited English proficiency in Corpus Christi, Texas

Attachments: [CFPWD PSA Resolution Staff Comments 05.02.2025](#)  
[Revised Resolution PSA 03.28.2025 revised draft 2](#)

Michelle Jones made a motion to rescind the resolution being that all the concerns stated in the draft resolution were addressed by staff. Wilson Goodrich seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**L. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

**M. Future Agenda Items**

Chairperson Trevino reviewed a list of future items for the Committee to consider:

1. Vote on absences from March.
2. Follow up on parking fines.
3. Accessibility subcommittee memo recommending budget items for FY 26/27.
4. Accessibility subcommittee will work on a memo on planning for accommodations at City events.

**N. Adjournment**

Chairperson Trevino adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.