

Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities

QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

July 16th & 17th 2025
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend Staples Center
520 N. Staples
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Videoconference option also available via ZOOM; Registration is required.

July 16th Zoom link: https://txgov-us.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_X57P25AuQZG0eqsmdcsmBA

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Members of the public will also have access to a live audiovisual stream of the meeting in addition to the option to be physically present at the location. The Committee will record the video and audio of the meeting and make the recording available upon request. Email requests to publicrecords@gov.texas.gov. For questions, contact (512) 463-5739 or email gcpd@gov.texas.gov.

Meeting Materials Available at:
<https://gov.texas.gov/organization/disabilities/committee-meetings>

July 16, 2025

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call and Introductions – Ellen Bauman, Chair

2. Approval of Committee Member Absences as Submitted
(Discussion/Possible Action)

3. Approval of Summary Minutes for April 2025 (Discussion/Possible Action)

4. Listening to the Corpus Christi Disability Community
(15 minutes per presentation)

- a. Corpus Christi Committee for Persons with Disabilities – Imelda Trevino, Chair
- b. City of Corpus Christi Office of Emergency Management – Jace Johnson, Emergency Manager
- c. Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living – Marisa Telge-Masur, Executive Director
- d. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center – Jamie Lugo, Executive Director & Aliza Long, DHH Access Specialist

BREAK

5. Public Comment
(3 minutes per presentation)

6. Reports from Invited Ex Officio Agency Representatives, includes follow up topics from previous meetings (Discussion/Possible Action)

- a. Department of Family and Protective Services – Hector Ortiz
- b. Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Emily Eisenman
- c. Texas Education Agency – Elyse Lieberman
 - i. Transition Services for Students on Special Education – Elizabeth Danner
- d. Texas Workforce Commission – Claudia Peden
- e. Health and Human Services Commission – Clair Benitez
- f. Judicial Commission on Mental Health – Kristi Taylor, Executive Director

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7. Rural Transportation Systems Report – Lisa Johnson, TxDOT PTN Program Manager for the 5310 Program

8. Special Education Software Programs – MacMichael Henson-Rogers & Shannon Naber, Frontline Education

9. **Guardianship Abuse, Fraud, and Exploitation Deterrence Program**
– Brittany Gardner & Loreba Stoddard, Office of Court Administration

BREAK

10. **Executive Director Report**
- a. Debrief on the 89th Legislative Session
 - b. Subcommittee Reports
 - c. Community Outreach
 - d. Introduction to Sunset Commission Process for GCPD
 - e. Developing Plans for GCPD 75th Anniversary (September)

11. **Recess – Ellen Bauman, Chair**

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12. **Reconvene – Ellen Bauman, Chair**

13. **Roll Call / Committee Member Absences**

14. **Public Comment**
(3 minutes per presentation)

BREAK

15. **Overview of Older Individuals who are Blind Program and Utilization of Resources from the 89th Legislature** – Juanita Barker, Texas Workforce Commission

16. **Vision Loss in Older Adults Report Policy Recommendations** – Rebecca Lopez

17. **Rural Mental Health for People with Intellectual and Development Disabilities Policy Proposal** – Sarah Ali, GCPD Intern

18. **Policy Discussion from Past Public Comment, Discussions, and Meetings**

19. **Individual Member Reports on Outreach** (*Discussion*)

20. **Future Agenda Items and Meeting** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

21. **Adjournment** – Ellen Bauman, Chair

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