

**Fort Worth Human Relations Commission  
Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Meeting  
August 11, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

Members of the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities may be attending remotely in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. The presiding officer was present in person.

Alfred Henderson opened the meeting and read a few housekeeping rules.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Brandie Wiley called the regular session of the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Katten, Steven (V)  
Wiley, Brandie (IP)  
Scott, Gregory (IP)  
Henderson, Jenna (IP)  
Medlin, Kevin (IP)  
Wyss, Mike (IP)

**Absent**

Lunt, David  
Garcia, Mary  
Martinez-Hickman, Dr. Olga

**City Staff**

Henderson, Al (IP)  
Kennedy, Shameka (IP)  
Vargas, Diane (V)

(IP: in-person) (V: virtual)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Wyss made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, MCPD meeting; Mr. Medlin seconded the motion. Chair Wiley conducted a roll call vote to approve June 9, 2022, MCPD meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Wyss made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022, MCPD meeting; Mr. Medlin seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Chair Wiley conducted a roll call vote. The minutes were approved.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations given.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Steve Abbott, Senior Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross of North Texas Region, gave a presentation on "*Be Red Cross Ready Preparedness Essential*." The floor was open to questions.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

***Standing Sub-Committees Reports Review ~ Committee Chairs***

Accessibility Sub-Committee: No report given.

Community Education and Engagement Sub-Committee: No report given.

Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee: Mr. Medlin stated that they submitted a nomination to the Governor's committee on behalf of The Lighthouse for the Blind. Ms. Henderson will provide a report to MCPD regarding the Fort Worth Transition Plan once it is completed.

Executive Sub-Committee: No report given.

***Staff Report ~ Al Henderson, MCPD Staff Liaison***

Mr. Henderson reported that in October 2022, the following MCPD Committee Members will be up for reappointment: Greg Scott, Jenna Henderson, Kevin Medlin, and Dr. Olga Martinez-Hickman. He informed them that Mike Wyss's term ends for the Human Relations Commission as the MCPD Liaison; however, he can apply for the MCPD Committee. Mr. Henderson stated that there are openings for MCPD Committee, and if they know anyone interested, please have them apply online. Mr. Henderson reported on the City of Fort Worth 2023 budget and asked MCPD to attend the budget meetings. Mr. Henderson reported that Trinity Metro has a new CEO, Richard Andreski. Mr. Henderson provided the City of Fort Worth's COVID Hotline 817-392-8478 which is located at Hazel Harvey Peace Center in the Consumer Health Division; they do not conduct home tests. Contact the post office to get an at-home test kit. The subcommittee meeting for August is Community Education and Engagement Subcommittee led by David Lunt. The Awards and Recognition Subcommittee led by Mr. Medlin will meet following this meeting. Mr. Henderson concluded his report by stating that the general election is in November and asked MCPD to be the eyes and ears at polling sites to see if they are accessible.

***Assistant Director's Report ~ Angela Rush, Assistant Diversity & Inclusion Director***

Mr. Henderson reported that the Diversity and Inclusion Department (D&I) has a full-time position for a Management Analyst II. D&I has a new temporary staff member from FUSE Fellow: Victor Garza. Mr. Garza will be assisting with the CDFI program. Mr. Henderson will extend an invitation for him to attend the next MCPD meeting.

Mr. Henderson concluded the report by announcing that most of the D&I staff will be out of the office between; August 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, attending the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Conference in Los Angeles. Diane Vargas and Claudia Palacios will be in the office.

***Human Relations Commission (HRC) Liaison Report ~ Mike Wyss, HRC Liaison***

MCPD received a copy of the HRC Report prior to the meeting. Mr. Wyss encouraged MCPD to apply for the Human Relations Commission Open position and the next HRC monthly meeting was rescheduled to September 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS**

Chair Wiley announced that she will be attending the Look Ahead Conference this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Arlington. Mr. Henderson announced that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act with a proclamation signed by Governor Abbot.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

MHMR next month  
Police Chief

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Wyss made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.