

**Fort Worth Human Relations Commission  
Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities Meeting  
July 14, 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 10:01 a.m. Chair Wiley let it be known that a quorum was not present and noting that without a quorum present, the committee would not be able to approve the minutes nor take any actions.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**

Wiley, Brandie (IP)  
Scott, Gregory (IP)  
Wyss, Mike (IP)  
Medlin, Kevin (IP)

**Absent**

Katten, Steven  
Garcia, Mary  
Martinez-Hickman, Dr. Olga  
Lunt, David  
Henderson, Jenna

**City Staff**

Henderson, Al (IP)  
Kennedy, Shameka (IP)  
Martinez, Cesar (IP)  
Rush, Angela (IP)  
Tuggle, Linda (IP)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Without the presence of a quorum, the minutes were unable to be officially approved.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations given.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Lea Rowe, Head of Client Services for the Lighthouse for the Blind of Fort Worth, gave a presentation on the Lighthouse of Fort Worth's history, functions, services provided, employment opportunities for their target community, and overall breakdown of their organization. The floor was open for questions.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

Section omitted due to lack of quorum.

Accessibility Sub-Committee: No report given.

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

Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee: No report given.

Executive Sub-Committee: No report given.

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

Section omitted due to lack of quorum.

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

Mrs. Rush reported that City Council is out for the month of July and thus public meetings have been very limited and reported the following specific to the Civil Rights Enforcement division of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion:

- HUD's performance year has been completed.
- They have just received their contract from EEOC and HUD, with a 6% increase in contractual reimbursements.

Mrs. Rush informed MCPD that appointments and re-appointments are due October 1st, and officer elections will be held during October's meeting. Mrs. Rush concluded her report by announcing that between August 15th and 19th, most of the Diversity and Inclusion staff would be out of the office, attending the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies Conference in Los Angeles.

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

Mr. Wyss informed MCPD that there was no meeting for HRC in July, so there is no report, but the commission will be meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING AND RECENT EVENTS**

Chair Wiley announced that during a REVUP meeting, she volunteered the committee to provide feedback on their organization's new website. The website has accessibility and voting information for each state, so they require specialized feedback for each state. Someone would need to provide 30 minutes of live feedback on the website. Mr. Scott and Mr. Wyss expressed interest in this task.

Mr. Medlin reported that Mr. Scott and himself were at Dementia Friendly Fort Worth, and he was able to make a short presentation on behalf of the MCPD, gaining recognition from Mayor Parker. Mr. Medlin also reported that the Board of Directors for the Tarrant Transit Alliance met to confirm Cristal Galvan as executive director.

Mr. Henderson announced that Autistic Society of Texas will be hosting autism friendly COVID-19 vaccines throughout Texas, there will not be one in Fort Worth, but there will be one in Dallas on July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that the American Disability Act anniversary is July 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be activities and virtual events happening to commemorate the event. Lastly, they are working with FEMA regarding exercises on how to help the disabled community in case of disasters; more information will follow. Mr. Henderson introduces Intern Cesar Martinez. Mr. Martinez introduces himself and answers questions about his time with the City.

Mr. Henderson read a message from Ms. Christina Brooks, Director of the Department of Diversity and Inclusion, stating that thanks to ITS (Information Technology Solutions Department) and the Communications Department we now have real-time translation services for all public meetings conducted through WebEx; more information to come.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chief of Police  
MHMR

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wiley adjourned the MCPD meeting at 10:52 a.m.