

# **Advancing Digital Accessibility in Texas: What Your Government Entity Needs to Know**

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Virtual Panel & Q+A



Texas Office of the Governor

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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# About the Governor's Committee

- Twelve members appointed by the Governor
- The leading agency that looks at disability issues from a cross- disability perspective



# Welcome & Purpose



## Why We're Here Today

- April 2026 federal digital accessibility deadline is approaching
- Learn what's required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II
- Hear real-world implementation strategies from Texas cities
- Share practical resources



# ADA Title II Digital Accessibility Rule



The U.S. Department of Justice requires:

- Accessible web content and mobile apps
- Compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA standards
- Applies to state and local governments

## **Deadlines**

April 24, 2026 — Large entities (50,000+ population)

April 26, 2027 — Smaller entities



# Impact on Local Government

Municipal websites and apps affect:

- Public services and benefits
- Emergency information and communications
- Permits and licensing
- Public meetings and citizen engagement
- Employment opportunities





# Today's Panel



**Angel Ponce** — City of Houston

**Martha Foote** — City of Austin

**Deborah Scharven** — City of San Antonio

**Marie Cohan** — Texas Department of Information Resources

## Topics We Will Cover

- Implementation strategies
- Procurement considerations
- Challenges and lessons learned
- Resources and next steps



# What Agencies Should Prioritize Now

## Immediate Action Steps



# Transition to Panel

Let's begin the discussion.



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