Texas Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities

**QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

January 27-28, 2022

Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Texas Capitol Extension, Hearing Room E1.030

1100 Congress Ave., Austin 78701

The public meeting of the Texas Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities will be conducted under Texas Government Code Section 551.127, related to meetings involving members joining by videoconference call.

It is the intent of the Committee to have the chairperson and other members present at 1100 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701. This location will be open to the public during the open portions of the meeting. Other members of the Committee will join by videoconference from separate locations.

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 in Austin. The Committee will record the video and audio of the meeting and make the recording available upon request. For questions, contact (512) 463-5739 or email [gcpd@gov.texas.gov](mailto:gcpd@governor.state.tx.us).

Videoconference Meeting via ZOOM; registration is required

Registration for the Committee meeting **Day 1**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QOgjWcdPQqe99LnFQcnRng>

Registration for Committee meeting **Day 2**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e2BCXOj8TXCmCp2CwskgBQ>

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

**Day 1 - January 27, 2022**

1. **Call to Order/** **Roll Call/** **Introductions** – Aaron Bangor, PhD, Chair
2. **Approval of Committee Member** **Absences as Submitted** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
3. **Approval of October 27, 2021 Summary Minutes** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
4. **Public Comment (Day 1)** *(3 minutes per presentation)*
5. **Reports from Invited Exofficio Agency Representatives, includes follow up topics from previous meetings** *(Discussion/Possible Action)*
6. Texas State Independent Living Council – Sandra Breitengross Bitter
7. Department of Family and Protective Services – Catherine Samuel
8. Health and Human Services Commission – Clair Benitez
9. Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation – Marsha Godeaux
10. Texas Education Agency – Justin Porter
11. Texas Workforce Commission – Claudia Peden
12. **Policy Recommendation Development based on the Committee’s Issue Areas (Day 1)** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

(Access, Communications, Education, Employment, Emergency Preparedness, Health, Housing, Recreation, Transportation, and Veterans)

1. **Discussion on Service and Assistance Animals** – Randi Turner; Pat Pound; Rabih Dow, Guide Dogs for the Blind; Wallis Brozman, Canine Companions; Melanie Brunson, American Council of the Blind of Texas; Wade Davis, Texas Blinded Veterans Association; and Raul Gallegos, National Federation of the Blind of Texas
2. **Survey on Sign Language Interpreter Pay in the State of Texas** – Elyse Lieberman, PhD
3. **Keeping Students with Disabilities Safe** – Jolene Sanders-Foster, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities; and Steven Aleman, Disability Rights Texas
4. **Cost Containment Recommendations in all Home and Community-based Services Programs** – Cathy Cranston and Nancy Crowther, Personal Attendant Coalition of Texas
5. **Executive Director Report and Staff Updates** – Ron Lucey

* Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2022, 1st Quarter
* Accessibility and Disability Webinar Series
* Preliminary Discussion on Parking Abuse by Persons at Restaurants during the Pandemic
* Special Recognition for Dr. Aaron Bangor, GCPD Chair

1. **Individual Member Reports (Day 1)**

*5:00 p.m. Meeting Recess*

**Day 2 - January 28, 2022**

8:30 a.m. *Reconvene Meeting*

1. **Continuation of Policy Recommendation Development based on the Committee’s Issue Areas (Day 2)**
2. **Policies Protecting the Rights of Parents with Disabilities –** Norma Crosby and Daniel Martinez,National Federation of the Blind of Texas
3. **Listening to the Abilene Disability Community**
4. JoAnne Fluke, Abilene Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities
5. Leah Beltran, Disability in Action Center for Independent Living
6. **Public Comment (Day 2)** *(3 minutes per presentation)*
7. **Committee Discussions on Development of Policies Related to GCPD’s Issue Areas** (Access, Communications, Education, Employment, Emergency Preparedness, Health, Housing, Recreation, Transportation, and Veterans)

(*Discussion/Possible Action*)

1. **Continuation of Individual Member Reports (Day 2)**
2. **Future Meeting: April, 2022** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
3. **Adjournment** – Aaron Bangor, PhD, Chair

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