Texas Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities

**QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

October 27, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Workforce Solutions Capital Area, North, Center

9001 N IH 35, Suite 110, Austin, TX 78753

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 9001 N IH 35, Suite 110, Austin, TX 78753. 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).

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

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 July 29-30, 2021 Summary Minutes** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
4. **Public Comment** *(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 – Robert Schuller
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. **Implementation of HB 548 (86R) – Language Acquisition for Deaf Students** – Emily Robinson, TEA (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
13. **Policy Recommendation Development based on the Committee’s Issue Areas** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)

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

* 1. Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship (Ellen Bauman and Evelyn Cano, co-chairpersons)

1. Certificate of Medical Evaluation (CME) and Physicians during Guardianship Proceedings
2. Use of Remote Technology when Conducting Guardianship or Probate Proceedings
3. Restoration Requirements based on a Ward’s Capacity
4. Allow Licensed Psychologists Authority to Offer Evidence for Hearings of individuals with IDD
   1. **GCPD’s Disaster Behavioral Health Recommendations to the 87th Texas Legislature** – Chance Freeman, Director of Disaster, HHSC’s Behavior Health Services
   2. **Texas as a Model Employer** (Aaron Bangor)
   3. **Policies of Teacher Retirement System of Texas** (A. Choudhury)
5. ***Governor’s Disability Task Force on Disaster Issues Affecting Persons who are Older and Persons with Disabilities* Report to the Governor and Texas Legislature** – Stephanie Duke, Attorney, Disability Rights Texas (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
6. **Executive Director Report and Staff Updates** – Ron Lucey

* Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2021, 4th Quarter

1. **Individual Member Reports**
2. **Future Meeting: January, 2021** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
3. **Adjournment** – Chair Aaron Bangor

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