Texas Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities

**QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

August 4-5, 2022

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

Alamo Area Council of Governments

2700 NE Interstate 410 Loop, Suite 101, San Antonio, TX 78217

Videoconference Meeting via ZOOM; registration is required

Registration for the Committee meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K8oIsEipQQiuiHwRsHTE0Q>

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

**Day 1 – August 4, 2022**

1. **Call to Order/** **Roll Call/** **Introductions** – Richard Martinez, Chair
2. **Approval of Committee Member** **Absences as Submitted** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
3. **Approval of Summary Minutes from May 5-6, 2022** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
4. **Listening to the San Antonio Disability Community** *(Discussion)*
5. disABILITYsa, Melanie Cawthon, Executive Director
6. Endeavors, Jon Allman, CEO
7. San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS), Abel Zamora, Program Director
8. **Public Comment** *(10:00 a.m. 3 minutes per presentation)*
9. **How to Prepare for the End of Continuous Medicaid Coverage** **-** Molly Lester, Deputy Chief of Programs and Services, and Rachel Shumaker, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Access & Eligibility Services, HHSC *(Discussion/Possible Action)*
10. **Reports from Invited Exofficio Agency Representatives, includes follow up topics from previous meetings** *(Discussion/Possible Action)*
11. Health and Human Services Commission – Clair Benitez
12. Department of Family and Protective Services – Cheryl Gomez
13. Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation – Marsha Godeaux
14. Texas Education Agency – Justin Porter, Ed.D.
15. Texas Workforce Commission – Claudia Peden
16. Texas State Independent Living Council – Sandra Breitengross Bitter
17. **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. Waiving State Park Fees for Disabled Veterans – Matthew Foster
2. Use of Contracts in Staffing Services for State Agencies – Bree Sarlati, Peak Performers
3. Family License Health Aide – Bill Sczepanski, Team Select Home Care, Arizona
4. Ensuring High School Transition Students have Education Documentation to Receive Accommodations in Post-Secondary Education or Work – Ainsley Cindric, GCPD Intern
5. Early Language-Based Disabilities Identification Training for K-12 Teachers– Ainsley Cindric, GCPD Intern
6. Keeping Students with Disabilities Safe **-** Steven Aleman and Jolene Sanders
   1. Cameras in the Classrooms
   2. Restraint
   3. Use of Force
   4. TEA’s Do Not Hire Registry
7. Interpreters in K-12 Educational Setting

1 Recruitment

2 Retention

3 Pay

1. Special Education Funding Reform – Steven Aleman

***5:00 p.m. Meeting Recess***

***8:30 a.m. Reconvene Meeting (August 5, 2022)***

1. **Public Comment** *(3 minutes per presentation)*
2. **Listening to the San Antonio Disability Community** *(Continued Discussion)*

City of San Antonio Disability Access Office and Disability Accessibility Advisory Committee, Deborah Scharven, Accessibility Compliance Manager

1. **Possible Policy Recommendations from Public Comments Received** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
2. **Bringing the Committee’s Recommendations forward from the 87th Legislative Session to the 88th Session** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
3. **Executive Director Report and Staff Updates** – Ron Lucey

(*Discussion/Possible Action*)

* Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2022, 3rd Quarter
* Accessibility and Disability Webinar Series
* Service/Assistance Animal Report Revision

1. **Individual Member Reports** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
2. **Future Meeting** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
3. **Adjournment** – Richard Martinez, Chair

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