Texas Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities

**QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

May 5-6, 2022

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

Tarrant County Community College, Trinity River Campus

300 Trinity Campus Circle, Board Room TRCF 2103, Fort Worth TX 76102

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 300 Trinity Campus Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76102. 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.

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Videoconference Meeting via ZOOM; registration is required

Registration for the Committee meeting **Day 1**

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Registration for Committee meeting **Day 2**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A7l_5R9GSUO2k_-MNlHQTA>

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

**Day 1 – May 5, 2022, 8:30 a.m.**

1. **Call to Order/** **Roll Call/** **Introductions** – Richard Martinez, Chair
2. **Approval of Committee Member** **Absences as Submitted** (*Discussion/Possible Action*)
3. **Approval of January 27-28, 2022 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 – Cheryl Gomez
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. **Guardianship Workgroup Update** – Ellen Bauman
2. **Service and Assistance Animals** **Workgroup Update** – Jeff Miller, Disability Rights Texas; and Monica Villarreal
3. **Sign Language Interpreter Pay in Texas Public Schools and Survey Results and Potential Policy Recommendations** – Twyla Loftin, Region 11 Education Service Center; and Randi Turner
4. **Keeping Students with Disabilities Safe Policy Recommendation –** Steven Aleman, Disability Rights Texas; and Jolene Sanders, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
5. **Update on Implementation of Digital Accessibility in State Agencies, Colleges and Universities** - Marie Cohan, Statewide Digital Accessibility Program Administrator, Dept. of Information Resources

(*Discussion/Possible Action*)

1. **Interim Charges for the 88th Legislative Session**

(*Discussion/Possible Action*)

1. **Executive Director Report and Staff Updates** – Ron Lucey
* Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2022, 2nd Quarter
* Accessibility and Disability Webinar Series

(*Discussion/Possible Action*)

1. **Individual Member Reports**

(*Discussion/Possible Action*)

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

**Reconvene Meeting Day 2 – May 6, 2022, 8:30 a.m.**

1. **Public Comment (Day 2)** *(3 minutes per presentation)*
2. **Listening to the DFW Disability Community**
3. Fort Worth Mayor’s Committee on People with Disabilities
4. Arlington Mayor’s Committee on People with Disabilities
5. **Possible Policy Recommendations from Public Comment**

(*Discussion/Possible Action*)

1. **Bringing the Committee’s Recommendations forward from the 87th Legislative Session to the 88th Session**

(*Discussion/Possible Action*)

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

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