

## **Houston Commission on Disabilities**

**August 10th, 2023 — 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

The Houston Commission on Disabilities uses ZOOM for the meeting platform. You can register to attend the monthly HCOD meeting at this link <https://bit.ly/HCOD-Registration>

### Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order (Meridith Silcox, Chair)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review and Approval of July Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comments (Names of those who have indicated their interest in speaking will be called, each speaker will have a maximum of 3 minutes to speak)
- V. Expert Speaker (Commissioner Sashikala Nisankarao, Attorney - Employment and Voting Section, Disability Rights Texas)
- VI. Voting Rights and Polling Accessibility Discussion (Commissioner Lydia Nunez Landry, Regional Representative, Rev Up!)
  - a. Disability Voter Rights Week (September 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - b. Preparation for Disability Mayor Listening Session (Sept 14<sup>th</sup>)
- VII. MOPD Report to the HCOD (Angel Ponce, Director, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities)
- VIII. MMSC Report to the HCOD (Chuck French, Administration Manager, Houston Parks and Recreation Department)
- IX. Committee Updates
  - a. Community Access, Transit, and Housing
  - b. Emergency Preparedness, Response, and First Responder Training

- c. Employment and Transition to Employment
  - d. Education
  - e. Immigration and Refugee Services
  - f. Planning, Membership, and Community Engagement
- X. ADA Update (Marshall Watson, Administrative Coordinator – ADA, City of Houston, Human Resources Department, Civil Service & EEO Division)
- XI. Upcoming Event Reminders
- a. MMSC Listening Session – August 29th
  - b. Mayoral Candidate Listening Session hosted by the Houston Center for Independent Living – September 14th
  - c. Mayor Sylvester Turner Disability Celebration – September 30th
- XII. Meeting Schedule
- a. Location TranStar (6922 Katy Road, Houston, TX 77024)
    - i. September 14<sup>th</sup> (hybrid)
    - ii. October 12<sup>th</sup> (hybrid)
    - iii. November 9<sup>th</sup> (fully in-person)
- XIII. Commissioners Comments
- XIV. Adjourn