

Houston Commission on Disabilities

August 14th, 2025 — 4:00 - 6:00 PM

The Houston Commission on Disabilities is an in-person meeting at TranStar (6922 Katy Road) in the Conference Room. Doors open at 3:30pm. The meeting is streamed on the City of Houston Office for People with Disabilities Facebook page.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order (Meridith Silcox, Chair)
- II. Roll Call (Kimberly Blanchard, Program Assistant, City of Houston Office for People with Disabilities)
- III. Review and Approval of June Meeting Minutes
- IV. Chair's Comments (Chair Silcox)
- V. 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)
 - a. Augustin Villarreal – Sharing personal story
 - b. Meghan Castillo – Castillo Counselling Services, sharing information regarding counseling services available to the community
- VI. OPD Report (Angel Ponce, Director, Office for People with Disabilities)
- VII. Expert Speakers –
 - a. Shana Halvorsen – Founder and CEO, EmpowerED, LLC
 - i. Support services for families and students for educational success
 - b. Wendy Maurer – Regional Business Development Manager – Cole Health Pediatric Therapy, ABA Solutions
 - i. IEP supports in public education

- VIII. MMSC Report (Chuck French, Administration Manager, Houston Parks and Recreation Department)
- IX. ADA Update (Robin Jolivet-White, HR Division Manager)
- X. Commissioner's Comments
 - a. Share highlights and updates on community engagement
- XI. Events
- XII. Adjourn