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Commission on Disabilities
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025
Dallas City Hall, 6ES
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John Kalkanli, Presiding

PRESENT: [7]

John Kalkanli, Chair District 15	Gay Revi, District 1
Melody Townsel, District 2*	Beverly White, District 9
Chris Bellew, District 10*	Stephen Huschka, District 13*
Ashley Lindsay, District 14	

ABSENT: [2]

Rod Hooker, District 3
Starlet Ramirez, District 6

**Note: Members of the Commission on Disabilities participated in this meeting by video conference.*

***Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened*

Technical Resource Panel Members Present: **[1]**

Carrie Parks

Absent: **[5]**

Dylan Rafaty	Wade Wilcox
Bianca Walker	Cynthia Suarez
Dr. Priscylla Bento	

The February 25, 2025, Commission on Disabilities meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. with quorum being met.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, “OPEN MEETINGS”, of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

1. Speaker: Ted Harper
   Subject: The American Council of the Blind – an Overview and July Convention

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Kalkanli opened the floor to approve minutes from January 28, 2025. Chairman Kalkanli moved that the minutes for January 28, 2025 be accepted as read with edits. The motion was approved.

MEETING SUMMARY

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Chairman Kalkanli provided the Officer Reports.

Commissioner Revi, Commissioner White, and Commissioner Bellew provided Commissioners' Reports.

BRIEFING

Understanding the Fentanyl Crisis

[***Cynthia Pursley,*** Founder and President, Livegy]

The Commission was briefed on Understanding the Fentanyl Crisis and the use of Narcan.

Youth180 – an Overview

[***Keri M. Stitt, M.A., LPC-S,*** President and CEO, Youth180]

The Commission was provided an overview of Youth180, an innovative leader helping youth & families navigate social and environmental challenges, including addiction, through education, prevention, intervention, and clinical programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Kalkanli and Commissioner Bellew provided closing announcements.

ADJOURNMENT,

Chairman Kalkanli adjourned the February 25, 2025, Commission on Disabilities meeting at 3:29pm.

Kelsi Peterson — 03/26/2025

Drafted by: Date
Kelsi Peterson, ADA Coordinator
Office of Equity & Inclusion

John Kalkanli
John Kalkanli (Mar 26, 2025 11:15 CDT) — 03/26/2025

Approved by: Date
John Kalkanli, Chairman
Commission on Disabilities