



# MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE  
ON DISABILITY  
AUGUST 19, 2021  
10:00 AM  
VIRTUAL MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

10:02 AM

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Member Aurore Bleck  
Member Hope Reed  
Member Kendra Garcia  
Member Victor Hughes  
Member Kathlyne Gish  
Member Pam Parfitt  
Member Angelique Montoya-Chavez  
Member Meriam Jawhar  
Member Jose "Eli" Fresquez

**Members Excused:**

None

**Others Attending:**

Jesse Guillen, Legislative Liaison  
Tom Graham, ADA Coordinator  
Alexandra Ladd, Attendee  
Jennifer Faubion, Attendee

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Member Bleck moved, seconded by Member Reed, to approve the agenda as amended. Item 7(g) is moved before item 7(a).

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Bleck, Member Reed, Member Garcia, Member Hughes, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Jawhar, Member Fresquez

**Against:** None



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**Abstain:** Member Montoya-Chavez

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Member Fresquez moved, seconded by Member Reed, to approve the minutes as amended. Meriam Jawhar pointed out correction of a spelling error of the word "regarding" in second paragraph of item 6(b).

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Bleck, Member Reed, Member Garcia, Member Hughes, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Jawhar, Member Fresquez

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** Member Montoya-Chavez

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 MINUTES TOTAL)

I'm new to Santa Fe. My name is GinaMaria Opalescent. Address: 6332 Entrada de Milagro, Santa Fe, NM 87507.

I have nearly 30 years experience in the world of disability principally in the world of special education advocacy having volunteered and worked for our WI Statewide Parent Training Information Center (PTIC). I later developed a passion for policy and legislation as that's where the real change happens. Thank you for inviting me. Also, I'm bilingual as I lived in Spain for 15 years.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

a. City of Santa Fe Affordable Housing. An update on current projects Citywide with an income source discrimination discussion - (Director Alexandra Ladd, Office of Affordable Housing (505) 955-6346, [agladd@santafenm.gov](mailto:agladd@santafenm.gov))

Director Ladd's presentation is attached to end of these minutes or can be accessed at link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CLwRuATPAwquYsrkLppz8-dbT8fzsN\\_C/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CLwRuATPAwquYsrkLppz8-dbT8fzsN_C/view?usp=sharing)

Mr. Graham also provided contact information for Santa Fe Housing Action Coalition Executive Director, Michael Barrio: [mbarrio@santafehousing.org](mailto:mbarrio@santafehousing.org), (310) 869-5311.



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Also provided was link to Santa Fe Action Coalition webpage: <https://santafehousingaction.org/>

Link to monthly web series that focuses on housing issues in Santa Fe and in New Mexico at large: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9t7ZkK4gjMR9AByy6H5BPA>

Link to State of Housing Affordability 2020 Year End Report – SFHAC: <https://santafehousingaction.org/state-of-housing-affordability-2020-year-end/>

Chair Gish invited Director Ladd to come to future MCD meetings when having an questions/concerns regarding the disabled community in Santa Fe.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS: DISCUSSION

- a. Memorial to Dave McQuarie on the Mayor's Committee on Disability (MCD) website. Discussion of Dave McQuarie's extensive work as a disability advocate in Santa Fe – (Kathlyne Gish and Aurore Bleck)

**MOTION:** Member Bleck moved, seconded by Member Reed, to approve forming a subcommittee for memorial to Dave McQuarie, with Hope Reed as Chair and including Kathlyne Gish.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Bleck, Member Reed, Member Garcia, Member Hughes, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Montoya-Chavez, Member Jawhar, Member Fresquez

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

- b. Continuing free public transportation in the City of Santa Fe (Buses and SF Ride) to assure access for lowest income, disabled, and elderly citizens to have equitable access in the City of Santa Fe while accessing housing, food, medical care, employment, education, and other community resources - (Kathlyne Gish and Kendra Garcia)

**MOTION:** Member Reed moved, seconded by Member Fresquez, to approve forming a subcommittee for free public transportation in the City of Santa Fe, with Kendra Garcia as Chairperson.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:



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**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

- c. Continuing need to protect disabled and elderly citizens from income source discrimination in Santa Fe. Creating Subcommittee to produce Letter of Support and develop draft legislation - (Kathlyne Gish and Eli Fresquez)

To be included with existing housing subcommittee chaired by Kathlyne Gish, with Aurore Bleck and Meriam Jawhar included.

- d. Developing notification system for vehicles carrying people with disabilities/special needs - (Aurore Bleck and Angelique Montoya-Chavez)

**MOTION:** Member Reed moved, seconded by Member Bleck, to Edits for letter to first responders and further discussion to be addressed at next meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Bleck, Member Reed, Member Garcia, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Montoya-Chavez, Member Jawhar

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

- e. Reviewing 2019-2020 MCD Priorities and beginning process to update priorities for 2022 - (Kathlyne Gish)

**MOTION:** Member Reed moved, seconded by Member Bleck, to postpone the action plan until next meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion was tabled on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Bleck, Member Reed, Member Garcia, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Montoya-Chavez, Member Jawhar

**Against:** None



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- f. Mayor's Committee on Disability (MCD) webpage - review and update content - (Kathlyne Gish)

**MOTION:** Member Reed moved, seconded by Member Bleck, to postpone the action plan until next meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion was on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:** Member Bleck, Member Reed, Member Garcia, Member Gish, Member Parfitt, Member Montoya-Chavez, Member Jawhar

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

- g. CONSIDERATION OF BILL NO. 2021-21. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2021-\_\_\_\_. (Councilwoman Renee Villarreal, Councilor Cassutt, and Councilor Garcia)  
An Ordinance Relating to Closed Captions; Creating a New Section 7.5 SFCC 1987 to Require Places of Public Accommodation to Activate Closed Captioning on Television Receivers. (Jesse Guillen, Legislative Liaison: jbg Guillen@santafenm.gov, 955-6518)

**Committee Review:**

Introduced: 07/14/21

Quality of Life Committee: 08/18/21

Mayor's Committee on Disability: 08/19/21

Governing Body (Request to Publish): 08/25/21

Finance Committee: 08/30/21

Governing Body (Public Hearing): 09/29/21

**MOTION:** Member Garcia moved, seconded by Member Parfitt, to approve the bill as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

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8. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. MCD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**

A video recording can be accessed at the link below:

[https://santafenm-  
gov.zoom.us/rec/share/cGgdHnlYEPRXWfxscucsPMLg47oDbIZysKMjOWIEZudHO4Pa21eqwGkviEOmCwwF.zZvLWet6FjdClrw](https://santafenm.gov.zoom.us/rec/share/cGgdHnlYEPRXWfxscucsPMLg47oDbIZysKMjOWIEZudHO4Pa21eqwGkviEOmCwwF.zZvLWet6FjdClrw)

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10. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

None.

11. **NEXT MEETING: October 21 2021**

12. **ADJOURN**

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Adjourned at 12:08 PM

13. **ADJOURN**

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Liaison

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Chair