



## City of Abilene

### Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities of City of Abilene to be held on March 11, 2025 at 3:00 PM at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

#### MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes (Discussion and Action)

#### AGENDA ITEMS

2. Marketing Presentation (Discussion)
3. CityLink Report (Discussion)
4. Upcoming Board Topics (Discussion)
  - This item allows board members to recommend topics to be included and discussed at future board meetings.
5. City Hall Tour (Discussion)

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### *Notice*

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#### **CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 6th day of March, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.*

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*Kaitlin Richardson*, Deputy City  
Secretary, TRMC

# Approval of Minutes



## **Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2025**

The Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities held its meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 3pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas. Board members present were JoAnne Fluke, Debra Turner, Jamie Thomas, Rani Burk, Nikki Parkhill and Berkeley Craig. Parks & Recreation staff present were Lesli Andrews, Parks & Recreation Director, Kelley Messer, Legal and Janina Aguero, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

**Public Comment:** None.

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes from July 19, 2024:** Jamie Thomas made a motion to approve minutes. Berkeley Craig seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes from November 12, 2024:** Nikki Parkhill made a motion to approve minutes. Berkeley Craig seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.
- 3. Update on New Recreation Centers:** Lesli Andrews updated the board on the new recreation centers. Lesli reviewed the parking accessibility, floor layout, restrooms, kitchen, gym and track. Lesli mentioned that all of these items are TAS compliant. Lesli discussed the layout for both GV Daniels and Chavez Recreation centers are the same layout and following the 2021 International Building Code.
- 4. Board Scope and Purpose:** Lesli Andrews talked about the scope and purpose of the board. Lesli discussed the Resolution No. 132-2017, which states the Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities was established to serve as a contact concerning matters of accessibility and make recommendations for City Council.
- 5. CityLink Report:** Lauren Stevens gave the report for CityLink. Lauren Stevens reviewed the data from the previous months and was available to answer any questions regarding delays and total number of calls.
- 6. Upcoming Board Topics:**
  - Follow up with Mari Cockerell and Marketing for Board.

- Review ADA compliance follow up at City Hall
- Paratransit Ride for CityLink
- Champions Day 2025.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm

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Joanne Fluke, Chair

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Secretary

# Mayor's Advisory Board for People With Disabilities Information & Community Awareness





# Board Information & Community Awareness

- Mayor Hurt authorized the Communications & Marketing Department to produce two interview-style videos and a complimentary page on the City's website with the aim of defining the work of the board to the public as stated in its forming resolution and promoting community connection to the board.





# Board Information & Community Awareness

- Resolution 132-2017 dated October 26, 2017 states:

The purpose of the Board is to serve as a point of contact and a voice for the residents of the City of Abilene to the City Council concerning matters of accessibility, use, and benefit to persons with disabilities, to review and discuss matters referred to the Board by the City Council and the City Manager, and to provide recommendations to the City Council.





# Board Information & Community Awareness

- Given this direction, the Communications and Marketing Department has created a page on the City's website:

[abilenetx.gov](http://abilenetx.gov) > Government > Boards & Commissions > Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities

Or the Quick Link: [abilenetx.gov/disabilityadvisoryboard](http://abilenetx.gov/disabilityadvisoryboard)





# Board Information & Community Awareness

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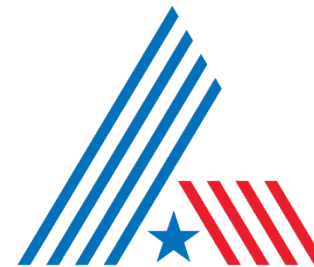
## Boards & Commissions Listing

All City Boards and Staff contacts are listed in the [Boards and Commissions Contact and Vacancies](#) on each board.

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- Abilene Housing Authority
- [Abilene-Taylor County 911 Emergency, Communications District Board](#)
- Abilene-Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board
- Abilene-Taylor County Public Health Advisory Board
- Abilene-Taylor County Venue District
- Airport Development Board
- Animal Services Advisory Board
- Betty Hardwick Center Board of Trustees
- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Building Standards
- Civil Service Commission
- Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc.
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- Library Advisory Board
- Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities
- Mayor's Downtown Task Force
- Mechanical/Plumbing/Electrical and Swimming Pool Board
- Office of Neighborhood Services Advisory Board

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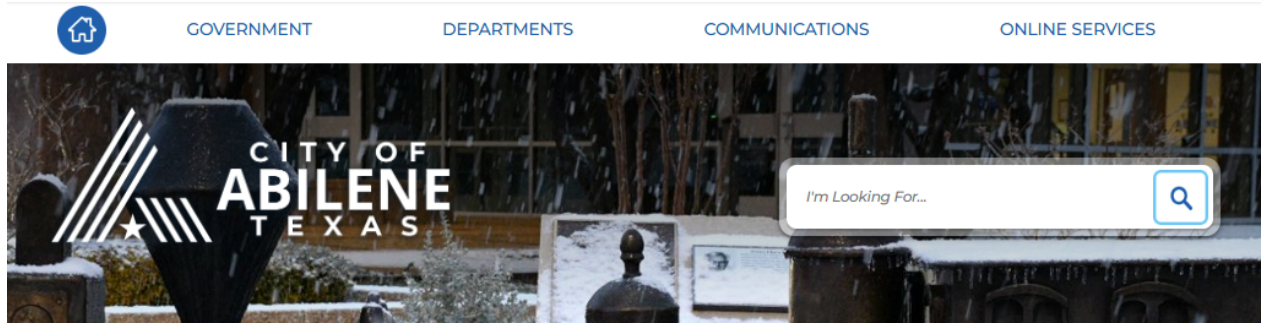
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# Board Information & Community Awareness



- Definition of the Board's purpose.
- Information on when the Board meets, where to find meeting postings, and how to watch previous meetings.
- How to speak with or submit a comment via a form to the Board.

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### Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities

The Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities was created by Mayor Anthony Williams through an ordinance with Abilene City Council in October of 2017, and is comprised of 7 voting members appointed by the Abilene City Council. The purpose of the Board is to serve as a point of contact and voice for residents of Abilene to the City Council concerning matters of accessibility, use, and benefit to persons with disabilities. The board is charged with reviewing and discussing matters referred to the Board by the City Council and the City Manager, and providing recommendations to the City Council on those matters.

The Board aims to meet quarterly, and its [agendas can be found on this website](#). You can also [watch recordings of previous meetings](#). Meetings are held in City Council Chamber and Abilene City Hall, and are open to the public.

#### Contact Us

If a resident would like to submit a comment to the Board, they may do so in person at a Board meeting, or contact the board by [submitting a form](#).





# Board Information & Community Awareness

- Communications and Marketing Department will video interviews with willing members of the Board answering three questions that speak to the Mayor's charge of providing information about the Board and building community awareness:

What do you do as a member of this board, and why do you do it?

Why is playing an advisory role to the Mayor and City Council important to disabled members of our community?

How should the community share thoughts/concerns with the board?





# Board Information & Community Awareness

- The interviews will be edited into 2 videos that will be posted on the Board's webpage, the City's social media channels, and in rotation on the City's Cable Channel 2.
- A series of reels/vertical videos will be cut from the 2 videos and posted on the City's social media channels with links back to Board's page on the City's website ([abilenetx.gov/disabilityadvisoryboard](http://abilenetx.gov/disabilityadvisoryboard)), encouraging community members to connect with the Board.
- Video shoots: early April
- Target posting dates: April 14 – 30
- Website live: ASAP upon Mayor approval



# Upcoming Board Topics



# City Hall Tour

