



**GARLAND**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**

**All Abilities Committee**  
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**Garland Central Library**  
**625 Austin Street**  
**Community Room 122**  
**Garland, Texas 75040**  
**June 3, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

A meeting of the All Abilities Committee of the City of Garland, Texas will be held at the aforementioned location, date, and time to discuss and consider the following agenda items.

**NOTICE:** The committee may recess from the open session and convene in a closed executive session if the discussion of any of the listed agenda items concerns attorney/client communication, including pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offer(s), and matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Sec. 551.071, Tex. Gov't Code.

**AGENDA:**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Consider Approval of the Minutes of the May 6, 2026**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

**3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Presentation and Discussion Regarding Library Services, Programs, Accessibility Initiatives, and the Library Master Plan for Individuals with Disabilities**

*Karen Archibald, Library Director, will present information regarding library services, programs, and accessibility initiatives provided for individuals with disabilities, including a brief overview of the Library Master Plan.*

- b. **Discussion and Review of Draft All Abilities Committee Bylaws**

*Review and discuss the proposed draft bylaws for the All Abilities Committee, including committee structure, officer roles, membership, meeting procedures, and operational guidelines, and provide feedback or recommendations for future consideration and approval.*

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## 5. ADJOURN

**NOTE:** A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance and may or may not participate in the discussions of the Committee.



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## MINUTES

The All Abilities Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on May 6, 2026, in Community Room 122 at the Garland Central Library, 625 Austin Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Amanda Equivel, Chair  
Leigh Calmes, Vice Chair  
Tommy Zapata, Committee Member  
Grant Laird Jr., Committee Member  
Jana Veit, Committee Member  
Heather Miller, Committee Member  
Jennifer Reeder, Committee Member  
Susan Behrens, Committee Member

Staff Present: Matt Watson, Assistant City Manager  
Pedro Barineau, Public Information Officer  
Carl Carson, Police Officer  
Daniel Rivas, Police Officer  
Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### a. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the April 1, 2026 Meeting

Motion was made by Committee Member Veit and seconded by Committee Member Zapata to approve the April 1, 2026 meeting minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

There were no speakers for this item.

### 3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

#### a. Police Department Presentation on Resources for Residents with Disabilities

*Lieutenant Pedro Barineau, Public Information Officer, will present information from the Police Department regarding local resources available to residents with disabilities, including department programs, accommodation services, and neighborhood initiatives.*

Lieutenant Barineau, provided an overview of community programs and resources available to residents, including the Residential Lockbox Program, Safe at Home Program, Vacation Watch Program, Neighborhood Police Officer Program, Crime Watch initiatives, Citizens Police Academy, and community outreach efforts. Officer Rivas and Officer Carson also participated in the discussion. Committee Members discussed program eligibility, emergency response procedures, de-escalation efforts, accessibility considerations, communication with residents with disabilities, School Resource Officer involvement, and accessibility improvements for department social media and community programs.

#### b. Event Accessibility Standards

*Discussion regarding the development of baseline recommendations for event accessibility, including captioning, communication tools, and accommodations.*

The Committee discussed the development of baseline accessibility recommendations for public events, including captioning, communication tools, and accommodations. Committee Members discussed accessibility considerations and potential future recommendations for city events.

**c. All Abilities Resource Guide – Framework Discussion**

*Discussion regarding the All Abilities Resource Guide to be available on the Committee webpage, including brainstorming ideas and establishing an initial framework.*

The Committee discussed development of an All Abilities Resource Guide to be made available on the Committee web page. Discussion included brainstorming potential content, organizational ideas, and establishing an initial framework for the resource guide.

**d. Staff Updates**

*Discussion regarding staff updates on previously requested information.*

Staff provided updates regarding previously requested information and ongoing Committee initiatives.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee briefly discussed future agenda topics and continued accessibility initiatives.

**5. ADJOURN**

Chair Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**Submitted By:**

*/s/ Amanda Esquivel, Chair*

*/s/ Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary*