



**Commission for Women
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
June 4, 2014**

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on June 4, 2014 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Boards and Commissions Rm., in Austin, Texas.

Chair Amy Welborn called the Board Meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Amy Welborn, Flannery Bope, Julia Aguilar, Julia Cuba, Rachael Torres, Katie Naranjo, Marilyn Bostick

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez, Sandra Adame

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Chair Amy Welborn asked commission members to review minutes from the meeting on April 2, 2014. Commissioner Aguilar moved to approve the April 2 minutes. Commissioner Torres seconded. Motion passed.

STAFF BRIEFING

- Boards and Commission Task Force Final Report was briefly presented by City staff. Discussion followed regarding the recommendation that the Commission for Women be eliminated and instead create a Joint Inclusion Committee that would “consist of one representative each from the African American Quality of Life Commission, the Asian American Quality of Life Commission, the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Commission, the Commission on Immigrant Affairs, People with Disabilities and Seniors Quality of Life Commission; in addition someone to represent the needs/ interests of the former Commission for Women, and a representative from the LGBT Community.” More information can be found on-line at <http://austintexas.gov/content/boards-and-commissions-transition-taskforce>. (To view report, click on “Task Force Response to Resolution 20131121-056”.) Vice Chair Bope said an ordinance will be presented at the Aug. 7 council meeting and commissioners would have a chance to appeal recommendation. Commissioners discussed strategies to bring awareness to women’s issues in the Austin community to maximize the commission’s effectiveness.
- Staff liaison Adame answered inquiry about changing meeting time. It is allowed within the by-laws, but must be placed on commission’s website, and where applicable, any other social networking sites or distribution lists, in order to keep the public informed. Commissioner Torres motioned to change meeting times to first Thursday of the month at noon. Chair Bope seconded. Motion passed without objection

OLD BUSINESS

- Women’s Hall of Fame – Deadline for nominations extended to July 31, 2014. For the event date, the only date Council Chambers is available in the Fall is Oct. 22, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Pay equity was briefly discussed. Adame will e-mail City memo regarding pay equity that was sent from the City's Human Resources Director to the Mayor, Council, and City Manager.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- **Appeal to Council on recommendation from Boards and Commission Task Force**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADJOURN: Commissioner Aguilar moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:32pm, seconded by Commissioner Naranjo. Motion was approved without objection. Chair Welborn adjourned the meeting.

