



**Commission for Women
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2012**

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on May 2, 2012 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room #2017 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Julia Cuba called the Board Meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Julia Cuba, Amy Welborn, Flannery Bope, Julia Aguilar, Veronica Garcia, Katie Naranjo

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez, Sandra Adame

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Chair Julia Cuba asked Commission members to review minutes from the April 4, 2012 meeting. Chair Cuba motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner Bope seconded. Motion passed with no objection.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Women's Hall of Fame event

- Deadline for nominating individuals was changed to June 18.
- Marketing strategies were discussed such as distributing flyers, and sending out another press release with extended deadline and some information about the previous winners to hopefully generate a human interest story.
- Caterer will be Fete Accompli. Commissioners asked if female chefs could donate food to the event. Sandra Adame will ask the City Clerk's office.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Access to quality childcare in Austin.

- Each commissioner was going to contact different agencies and people about childcare issues in Austin. This information will be considered by the commission to decide on action to take to help women in Austin.
- Commissioners Garcia, Bope and Aguilar reported on some of their findings. There are many economic issues involved. For example, childcare facilities are reluctant to take subsidies because they only offer 30%. Other ideas that were discussed were childcare co-ops, refugee childcare and the "I-35 Divide". One agency conducts community cafes to meet with parents and get input.
- Commissioners will work on creating a general synopsis on what areas the commission should focus on and why.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Francis Deviney from Center for Public Policy Priorities would like to attend an ACW meeting, possibly in October.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADJOURN: Commissioner Garia moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:43pm, seconded by Commissioner Naranjo. Motion was approved without objection. Chair Cuba adjourned the meeting at 2:44pm. Chair Cuba re-opened the meeting at 2:46pm to discuss July's meeting as it falls on July 4, a city/federal holiday. Commissioner Welborn moved to have a special-called meeting on July 11 from 1:30pm-2:30pm. Bope seconded and motion passed without objection. Cuba then motioned to adjourn the meeting. Naranjo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.

