



REGULAR MEETING OF THE JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 5:00 pm
Mexican American Cultural Center
600 River St
Austin, Texas 78701

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Angela-Jo Touza Medina (Chair)
Sonia Kotecha (Vice-Chair)
Janee Briesemeister

Amanda Lewis
Isabel Lopez-Aguilar
Tanya Winters

APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Board Members in attendance:

Angela-Jo Touza Medina (Chair), Sonia Kotecha (Vice-Chair), Janee Briesemeister, Amanda Lewis, Isabel Lopez-Aguilar and Tanya Winters

Staff in Attendance:

Mark Washington, Acting Assistant City Manager
Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2016

- a. Committee Chair Touza-Medina tabled the approval of the July 13, 2016 minutes until the August 23rd meeting

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Briefing on the establishment of the Equity Office – Acting Assistant City Manager provided an update to the commission members on the recruitment process for the new Equity Officer.
- b. Briefing on the language access program – Chief Communications Officer Douglas Matthews briefed the commission members on the model and vision of the language access program.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Winters made a motion to appoint Paul Rhea as appointee of the LGBT community to the joint inclusion committee; the motion was second by Commissioner Lopez Aguilar. Motion passed on a unanimous vote
- b. Commissioner Kotecha makes a motion to approve the budget item 9, 10 and 16. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar second the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote

- c. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar made a motion to bring a member of the African American resource advisory committee to explain their budget plans to the joint inclusion committee; the motion was second by Commissioner Winters. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.
- d. Commissioner Lewis made a motion supporting seven additional positions with funding for the APD forensic lab to help address sexual assault cases, Commissioner Kotecha second the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote
- e. Commissioner Lopez Aguilar makes a motion that the joint inclusion committee supports the age friendly plan and includes it to imagine Austin and to support funding as needed. Motion second by Commissioner Kotecha. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.
- f. Commissioner Touza Medina made a motion to recommend the creation of a language access program and to allocate proper funding to staff the program. Commissioner Lopez Aguilar second the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote
- g. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar made a motion to move the joint inclusion committee meetings from their 5 p.m. time to 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Briesemeister second the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action of the Joint Inclusion Commission – commission discusses the selection of the new Equity Officer and the recruitment process.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding language access - Chair Touza-Medina states that any proposal needs to include budget allocation for translation interpretation services.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Discussion of the December Joint Inclusion Commission meeting date (scheduled for Dec 27)
- b. Discussion and election of a vice chair

ADJOURNMENT

- a. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Lewis second the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.