



**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, April 12th, 2017**

The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 at Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. Austin, TX 78701.

**Chair Barrios called the Board Meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Rossana Barrios, Chair  
Ana DeFrates  
Tonya Jgee  
Rebecca Austen  
Kasha Gamble  
Sarah Tober  
Amanda Lewis

**Commissioners Absent:**

Barbara Fountain, Vice-Chair  
LaKisha Thigpen, Secretary  
Flannery Bope  
Julia Cuba Lewis

**Staff in Attendance:**

Sheila Balog, Human Resources Department  
Deanna Davidson, Human Resources Department

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**Amy Stansbury – Austin EcoNetwork  
Alicia Wiegel – Deeds Not Words  
Casey Dean – City of Austin Equal Employment/Fair Housing Vista Volunteer  
Emily Hudson – Austin Young Women’s Alliance  
Kirsha Haverlah – Travis County Family Violence Task Force  
Ginger – City of Austin Equity Office**

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Minutes for the special called meeting of February 8th, 2017 were approved on Commissioner DeFrates' motion and Commissioner Tober's second on a 7-0 vote.**

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the election of officers for a one year term, beginning May 1, 2017 and ending April 30, 2018.

**Nominations of officers were as follows:**

**Sarah Tober for Chair on Chair Barrios' motion and Commissioner DeFrates' second on a 7-0 vote.**

**Tanya Jogee for Vice Chair on Commissioner DeFrates' motion and Commissioner Gamble's second on a 7-0 vote.**

**Rossana Barrios for Secretary on Commissioner Lewis' motion and Commissioner DeFrates' second on a 7-0 vote.**

**Elected officers for the term of May 1, 2017 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 are as follows:**

**Sarah Tober – Chair  
Tanya Jogee – Vice Chair  
Rossana Barrios – Secretary**

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding Women's Hall of Fame post event feedback.

**Discussion was held regarding marketing, planning, and increasing the pool of nominees. A Women's Hall of Fame Event working group was created on Commissioner Lewis' motion and Commissioner Tober's second on a 7-0 vote. The members of this group will be decided at a later meeting.**

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the Women's Equity Resolution.

**Discussion was held concerning the Women's Equity Resolution and getting clarification on the Commission for Women's role and potential actions.**

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding updates from the Commission for Women's working groups.

**Discussion was held concerning the Rape Kits working group. Deanna Davidson let the Commission know that she would send out the request again to meet with the APD Commander responsible for the DNA Lab and/or his designee.**

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the APD Staff Briefing.**
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Women's Equity Resolution.**
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding updates on the Commission for Women's working groups.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Barrios adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm on Commissioner Austen's motion, Commissioner Lewis' second, on a 7-0 vote.**