



**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 13th, 2017**

The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 9th, 2017 at Terrazas Branch library, 1105 Cesar Chavez St., in Austin, Texas.

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

Commissioners in Attendance:

Ana DeFrates
Amanda Lewis
Sarah Tober
Flannery Bope
Rebecca Austen
Tanya Athar-Jogee
Rossana Barrios
Linda Powers
LaKisha Thigpen

Commissioners Absent:

Kasha Gamble
Julia Cuba Lewis

Staff in Attendance:

Rodney Crain, Human Resources Department
Mary Aversa, Human Resources Department

1. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: General

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes for the June 14th, 2017 meeting of the Commission

Motion to approve with changes: Commissioner Bope

Second: Commissioner Barrios

Approved 8-0

b. Minutes for the August 9th, 2017 meeting of the Commission

Motion to approve with changes: Commissioner Bope
Second: Commissioner Austen
Approved 8-0

c. Minutes for the August 31st, 2017 special called meeting of the Commission

Motion to approve with changes: Commissioner Barrios
Second: Commissioner Bope
Approved 8-0

3. OLD BUSINESS

Rodney Crain of HRD was available to the Commission to answer questions regarding the previously distributed Memo – City of Austin Efforts to Address Gender Disparities.

The Equity working group committed to creating a document with all of their questions about the memo. Once created, the document will be sent to Rodney Crain and the Human Resources Department will coordinate getting responses from the appropriate City department.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations of names for future street renaming.

Commission discussed continuing to pursue recommendation 20170809-002a (renaming of Robert E Lee road) as a “pilot” for future recommendations rather than making additional recommendations now.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding the Women’s Equity Resolution.

No further action until working group receives clarification from HRD regarding Gender Disparities memo.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding the rape kit backlog and sexual assault survivor treatment.

Commission awaits budget decision on recommendation 20170809-003b. No further action at this time until Council decision is known.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding Women’s Hall of Fame 2018.

Commissioner Bope made a motion to open nominations for Women’s Hall of Fame 2018 Inductees from October 1st through January 31st. Commissioner DeFrates seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

The nomination form will be made active on austintexas.gov/commissionforwomen during this time frame. Inductees are expected to be announced in March.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding Child/Women sex trafficking.

No updates to report. No action at this time.

f. Discussion and possible action regarding hiring of City Manager and APD Chief.

No updates to report. No action at this time.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Locker Room Project.**
- b. Presentation by Economic Development staff, to include discussion and possible action**
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding updates on the Commission for Women's working groups.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tober adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm on Commissioner Barrios's motion and Commissioner Bope's second, the motion passing on a 7-0 vote.