

**Economic Prosperity Commission
August 16, 2017 6:30pm
City Hall Bull Pen Room 1029
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701**



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

1. OPENING REMARKS

Introduction of members and staff liaison

2. Attendance:

a. City Staff:

Sylvia Holt-Rabb-Executive liaison, Vicky Valdez-Executive liaison

b. Commission Members Present:

District 1 appointee Marina Bhargava, District 2 appointee Kirsha Haverlah, District 3 appointee Roberto Rondero de Mosier, District 4 appointee Hannah Frankel, District 7 appointee Amy Noel, District 8 appointee Michael Joyce, District 9 appointee Kevin Opp District 10 appointee Holt Lackey, At-Large appointee Orlando Segura

c. Absent:

District 6 appointee Afton Cavanaugh

3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

- a. John Woodley, support for the Disability Chamber
- b. Murphy Roland, support for the Disability Chamber
- c. Jason Shaw, support for the Disability Chamber
- d. Arlenda Lawson, support for the Disability Chamber
- e. David Mendoza, support for the Disability Chamber

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- a. Tamara Atkinson, Executive Director, Workforce Solutions regarding the Master Community Workforce Plan presentation.
- b. Myrna Rios, City Clerk's Office, presentation on roles and responsibilities of commission and liaisons.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the city budget recommendations: No action taken.
- d. Approval of July Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve July 19th meeting minutes by Commissioner Holt Lackey, second by Commissioner Kirsha Haverlah motion passes on a 6-0 vote with 2 abstentions from Commissioner Michael Joyce and Kevin Opp, 1 absent Commissioner Afton Cavanaugh

5. OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Possible creation of further working groups for 2017: Working group created to look into the Workforce Solution Master Community Workforce Plan to present a potential recommendation of action for the commission. Working group will consist of Commission Members Amy Noel, Roberto Rondero de Mosier and Kirsha Haverlah.
- b. Discussion on and possible action regarding MECA and other Chamber (including but not limited to the Disability Chamber) funding recommendations with regard to FY 2017-18 city budget: Commission heard from Disability Chamber Members. A working group was formed to research measures the Commission can take to address employment for the disabled in response to reports from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics that lists Texas last in employment. Working Group will consist of Commission Members Holt Lackey, Hannah Frankel.
- c. Update from CODENext working group: New draft code comes out September 15th. No action taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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