



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at Austin City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Curette called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Wollerson, Baeza, Doughty, Skidmore, Curry, Curette, Gonzales, Kitchens, Daniels

Staff in Attendance: Sara Hensley, Charles Loosen

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

a. The Commission heard from one member of the public.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commissioners unanimously approved minutes of the October 17, 2017 Meeting and the November 21, 2017 meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sara Hensley provided the Commission with an update on the City Manager search process and announced that an offer has been extended to Spencer Cronk, City Administrator of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

b. The Commissioners participated in a lengthy discussion of its working groups and how they will engage the public to develop budget recommendations and create a work plan.

Commissioner Skidmore announced that her working group will host a public forum on Sunday, January 21st, at the Austin History Center, to gather input on transgender community needs and priorities.

Commissioner Doughty inquired about appropriate social media outreach and technical assistance to the working groups to develop their plan. Staff agreed to work with the City of Austin Public Information Office and Organizational Development to provide guidance and resources to the working groups about communication strategy and how to draft its work plan.

Commissioner Gonzales expressed a desire to announce the Commission's work plan in June to coincide with LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Commissioner Curry inquired about how the Commissioners could learn about service to specific populations by Austin's various Departments and programs. Commissioner Gonzales then followed up by asking if the Commission could ask Departments for briefings or reports that would assist with the Commission's understanding of existing services. Sarah Hensley, Executive Sponsor, responded by clarifying that the Commission may make these requests of Staff, and effort will be made to fulfill the requests to support the Commission's learning and work.

The Commissioners established a soft deadline of February 20th (the tentative February meeting date if the current schedule is adhered to), to vote on its flagship budget proposal for the 2019 fiscal year.

- c. Discussion of a Historic Preservation Working Group was tabled in the absence of Commissioner Estrella.
- d. Commissioners announced a variety of community events.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Public Information and Organizational Development will be invited to the January meeting to consult on social media communications and work plan development.
- b. Commissioner Baeza expressed a desire to consolidate health-related items in the agenda queue by inviting Austin Public Health to present on those topics as soon as possible.
- c. Commissioners Kitchens and Wollerson expressed a desire to hear from community center initiatives, particularly as these may inform budget recommendations, however these presentations were not prioritized for January's meetings.

5. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curette adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m. without objection.