



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 21, 2018**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 21, 2018, City Hall Room 2005, 301 West Second Street, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Victor Martinez called the Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Martinez, Baeza, Chavez, Curette, Curry, Daniels, Gonzales, Skidmore, Wollerson

Staff in Attendance: Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The commission heard comments from the following speakers: Alicia Weigel (personal).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – There were no minutes to be approved

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Stefanie Collins of the Austin LGBT Bar Association discussed programs offered by her organization, legal issues related to the LGBT community, and practices at the Travis County Jail related to LGBTQ detainees and inmates. Commission members asked questions about the “gay panic” defense.

b. Warner Cook of the Austin Transportation Department made a presentation concerning the City’s strategic mobility plan and asked for the community’s support in completing a survey about transportation priorities.

c. Joya Hayes, Monika Arvelo, and Gail McCant of the Human Resources Department made a presentation concerning enforcement of federal and local laws related to discrimination and public accommodations. The presentation reviewed why it is difficult to collect data about complaints made by LGBTQ individuals. Commissioners asked questions concerning trends in the complaints, the process for filing complaints, and appeals.

d. Chair Martinez informed the commission that no quorum was present at the special called meeting of May 19, 2018, so the meeting was canceled. He noted the City Clerk informed the commission that another special called meeting could be held. The commission agreed another special called meeting would be held on May 30, 2018 at 7 p.m.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. without objection.