

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Flannery Bope, Chair
Rebecca Austen, Vice-Chair
Tanya Athar-Jogee
Rossana Barrios
Julia Cuba Lewis
Ana DeFrates
Amanda Lewis
Dyana Limon-Mercado
Linda Powers
Sarah Tober

Vacancy:

District 8

Staff in Attendance:

Vicky Nguyen, Human Resources Department
Bryan Dore, Human Resources Department

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speaker: Nadia Hamdan

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of December 12, 2018 were approved on Commissioner Tober's motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis' second on a 6-0 vote. Chair Bope and Commissioners Athar-Jogee, Barrios, and Lewis were off the dais.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission's mission statement.

The draft of the new mission statement was approved on Commissioner Cuba Lewis' motion, Commissioner Tober's second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Bope and Commissioner Athar-Jogee were off the dais.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Briefing from Brita Hansen and Jacquie Fuller regarding adult entertainment club promotional wording.

Brita Hansen and Jacquie Fuller presented to the Commission. Commissioners Tober, Cuba Lewis, and Athar-Jogee will draft the Commission's recommendation to Council to support efforts to shift language emphasizing the human body as a commodity to language emphasizing services, and to remove "boys" and "girls" on for sale signs.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding sexual assault survivor treatment.

Discussion was held regarding sexual assault survivor treatment. The Commission drafted a recommendation to Council to support a deep dive into investigating APD exceptional clearance of rape and sexual assault cases and what, systemically, is the cause of survivors leaving the process before it's complete. The recommendation was approved on Commissioner Lewis' motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on a 10-0 vote.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding how to make traveling around the City safer for women.

No action was taken.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding women's equity working group.

No action was taken.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding hiring of key City leadership.

No action was taken.

f. Discussion and possible action regarding homelessness working group.

No action was taken.

g. Discussion and possible action regarding Women's Hall of Fame.

No action was taken.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding how to make traveling around the City safer for women.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding economic equity working group.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience working group.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding the Women's Hall of Fame.

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- e. Discussion and possible action regarding access to quality and affordable healthcare working group.**
- f. Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission's mission statement.**

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m. without objection.