

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

**Chair Bope called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

Juliana Gonzales

**Vacancy:**

District 3  
District 8

**Staff in Attendance:**

Vicky Nguyen, Human Resources Department  
Rebecca Kennedy, Human Resources Department  
Joe Silva, City Manager's Office  
Matthew Duree, Purchasing Office

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from the regular meeting of March 13, 2019 were approved on Vice Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis' second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Athar-Jogee and Limon-Mercado were off the dais. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

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- b. The minutes from the special called meeting of March 25, 2019 were approved on Vice Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis' second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Athar-Jogee and Limon-Mercado were off the dais. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission's mission statement.**  
The action to submit the Commission's letter to Council regarding the Commission's revised mission statement was approved on Commission Tober's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Discussion and possible action on the election of new Commission officers: Chair and Vice Chair.**  
The action to elect Vice Chair Austen as Chair was approved on Commissioner Cuba Lewis' motion, Commissioner Tober's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

The action to elect Chair Bope as Vice Chair was approved on Commissioner Barrios' motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis' second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

- b. **Presentation by Linda Wade, President and Co-Founder of the Sickie Cell Association of Texas Marc Thomas Foundation.**  
Emily O'Shea presented on the Sickie Cell Association of Texas Marc Thomas Foundation.

- c. **Discussion and possible action regarding the community forum related to and submission of recommendation of the City of Austin FY2020 budget.**  
The action to submit the FY2020 budget recommendation created by the Joint Inclusion Committee, with the Commission's name added, was approved on Vice Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

Vice Chair Austen, and Commissioners Athar-Jogee and Lewis called for a special called meeting for discussion and possible action on the FY2020 budget recommendation and community feedback from the March 25, 2019 special called meeting, which Chair Bope affirmed.

- d. **Discussion and possible action working group membership.**  
The action to reassign membership of the working groups as follows was approved on Vice Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

**e. Discussion and possible action regarding economic equity working group.**

The action to assign Chair Bope, Vice Chair Austen, and Commissioners Barrios and Lewis to the economic equity working group was approved on Vice Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

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

The action to appoint Commissioner Lewis from the working group as the sole representative of the Commission to sign the non-disclosure agreement to review the final contract information in investigating sexual assault investigations in Austin was approved on Commissioner Barrios' motion, Commissioner Tober's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

The action to assign Commissioners Cuba Lewis, Lewis, Limon-Mercado, Tober to the sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience working group was approved on Vice Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

**g. Discussion and possible action regarding access to quality and affordable healthcare working group.**

The action to assign Chair Bope, Commissioners Athar-Jogee, Barrios, and Tober to the access to quality and affordable healthcare working group was approved on Vice Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

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

The action to assign Commissioners Cuba Lewis and Barrios to the Women's Hall of Fame working group was approved on Vice Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Gonzales was absent.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding submission of the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2020 budget.**
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the following working groups:**
  - 1. Economic equity**
  - 2. Sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience**
  - 3. Access to quality and affordable healthcare**
  - 4. Women's Hall of Fame**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Bope adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m. without objection.**