

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

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Nancy Cardenas
Julia Cuba Lewis
Juliana Gonzales

Staff in Attendance:

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Speaker: Carlos Leon.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the special called meeting of June 17, 2019 were approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Limon-Mercado was off the dais. Commissioners Cardenas, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales were absent.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding the following working groups:

i. Economic equity

Discussion was held, and no action was taken.

ii. Sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience

The action to add Commissioner Fernandez as the second point of contact to work on the contract related to investigating sexual assault investigations in Austin with Commissioner Lewis was approved on Commissioner Lewis' motion, Commissioner Tober's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Cardenas, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales were absent.

The action to amend, formalize, and submit a recommendation to Council based on the FY2020 budget asks to include funding for five full-time and one part-time victim services counselors in the FY2020 budget was approved on Commissioner Lewis' motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Cardenas, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales were absent.

The action to amend, formalize, and submit a recommendation to Council based on the FY2020 budget asks to include funding for a violence prevention program in the FY2020 budget was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Cardenas, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales were absent.

iii. Access to quality and affordable healthcare

The action to amend, formalize, and submit a recommendation to Council, with cost estimates, based on the FY2020 budget asks to include funding for development and implementation of a Citywide menstrual equity program in the FY2020 budget was approved on Commissioner Lewis' motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Cardenas, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales were absent.

iv. Women's Hall of Fame

Discussion was held, and no action was taken.

b. Discussion regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2020 budget.

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c. Discussion regarding changes to the Commission's bylaws and mission statement.

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d. Discussion and possible action regarding alternatives to a boycott by the City of Austin against the State of Alabama regarding the state's further restriction of access to abortion.

The actions to adjust language and draft a memo to Mayor Adler, City Council, and CM Cronk about alternatives to the boycott and to bring it back on the August agenda for

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approval was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Cardenas, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales were absent.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding human trafficking.

Discussion was held, and no action was taken.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee.

Discussion was held, and no action was taken.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding advertisements on the Capital Metro buses.

The action to draft and send a letter to Capital Metro to cease running the ad of a woman putting on makeup and to be conscientious of sexist advertising campaigns was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Fernandez's second on a 6-0 vote.

Commissioners Barrios and Lewis were off the dais. Commissioners Cardenas, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales were absent.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Updates on the adult entertainment club promotional wording.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m. without objection.