



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, July 22, 2019

The Human Rights Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 301 West Second Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Kristian Caballero called the Board Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Vice Chair Caballero, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Weigel, and Commissioner White.

Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Babiak, Human Resources Coordinator, Human Resources Department

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of June 22, 2019 were approved on a vote of 6-0: Commissioner Weigel motion, Commissioner Jamarr Brown second. Voting in favor were Vice Chair Caballero, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Weigel, and Commissioner White. Chair Davis, Commissioner Breckenridge, and Commissioner Museitif were absent.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action related to public education for changes made to Ordinance No. 20190620-185 regarding the decriminalization of sitting, lying or camping in public spaces. (Caballero/Davis)

On unanimous consent, Vice Chair Caballero suspended the rules of order for this item.

Chris Harris, Data & Policy Analyst, Just Liberty, addressed the Commission and answered questions from the Commission.

Holly Kirby, Criminal Justice Programs Director, Grassroots Leadership, addressed the Commission and answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Commission discussed the following goals and objectives for 2018-2019:
 - i. Affordable Housing & Gentrification
 - ii. Engagement: Process, Partnerships, and Community
 - iii. Addressing Disparate Impacts
 - iv. Institutional Racism, Gender Equity, and LGBTQ+ Inclusion & Discrimination
 - v. Immigrant Rights
 - vi. Police Accountability
- b. The Commission discussed the following key priority areas of concern for 2019-2020:
 - i. Institutional Equity
 - ii. Environment & Land Use
 - iii. Health Access & Nutrition
 - iv. Autonomy & Human Rights

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Caballero adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m. on unanimous consent.