

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

**Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Rebecca Austen, Chair  
Nancy Cardenas  
Neva Fernandez  
Juliana Gonzales  
Amanda Lewis  
Dyana Limon-Mercado  
Sarah Tober

**Commissioners Absent:**

Flannery Bope, Vice Chair  
Tanya Athar-Jogee  
Rossana Barrios  
Julia Cuba Lewis

**Staff in Attendance:**

Vicky Nguyen, Human Resources Department

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the regular meeting of July 10, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Lewis' motion, Commissioner Tober's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Bope and Commissioners Athar-Jogee, Barrios, and Cuba Lewis were absent.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**i. Economic equity**

No action was taken.

**ii. Sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience**

No action was taken.

**iii. Access to quality and affordable healthcare**

The action to draft and submit a recommendation using language from the proposal submitted by NARAL Pro-Choice and Lilith Fund to support abortion access was approved on Commissioner Lewis' motion, Commissioner Limon-Mercado's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Bope and Commissioners Athar-Jogee, Barrios, and Cuba Lewis were absent.

The action to draft a recommendation to support the mental health response recommendations submitted by Just Liberty, Grassroots, Austin Justice Coalition, and Communities of Color United was approved on Commissioner Lewis' motion, Commissioner Fernandez's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Bope and Commissioners Athar-Jogee, Barrios, and Cuba Lewis were absent.

**iv. Women's Hall of Fame**

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

**c. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2020 budget.**

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

**e. 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.**

No action was taken.

**f. Discussion and possible action regarding human trafficking.**

No action was taken.

**g. Updates, discussion, and possible action regarding adult entertainment club promotional wording.**

No action was taken.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

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- a. Presentation by Courtney Chambers, Texas Advocacy Director for Whole Women's Health, about current issues surrounding crisis pregnancy centers.**

Discussion was held.

- b. Briefing and updates by Ana DeFrates about the DNA Advisory Panel.**

Discussion was held.

- c. Presentation by Amanda Williams, from the Lilith Fund, and Delma Catalina, from NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, seeking support on a resolution to support abortion access in Austin.**

Discussion was held.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. All old business items not addressed in today's meeting.**
- b. Revisit working group membership to include Commissioner Cardenas.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m. without objection.**