



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, August 26, 2019

The Human Rights Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 301 West Second Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sareta Davis called the Board Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Davis, Vice Chair Caballero, Commissioner Breckenridge, 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 July 22, 2019 were approved on a vote of 6-0: Commissioner Garry Brown motion, Chair Davis second. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Weigel, and Commissioner White. Vice Chair Caballero, Commissioner Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, and Commissioner Santana were absent.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council regarding human rights abuses on our southern border. (White/Caballero)

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

- b. Discussion on planning a Public Forum regarding homelessness hosted during a future Human Rights Commission regular meeting or special called meeting. (Caballero/White/Weigel)

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

- c. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council regarding funding provided from the Public Safety budget for reforms to emergency mental health crisis response procedures, including first response and 911 call center response. (Weigel/Caballero)

Mandy Blott, Austin Justice Coalition, and Kathy Mitchel addressed the Commission and answered questions from the Commission. The Commission discussed this item. The item sponsors presented a draft recommendation. The Commission worked in a collaborative and informal manner to finalize the agenda. After the draft was finalized,

Commissioner Garry Brown moved for adoption, Chair Davis second. As amended, the Commission adopted the recommendation on a vote of 8-0. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Vice Chair Caballero, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Weigel, and Commissioner White. Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, and Commissioner Santana were absent.

- d. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council regarding condemnation of non-consensual and medically unnecessary surgeries on intersex persons and affirmation of their body autonomy. (Weigel/Caballero/White)

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Davis announced that Council has confirmed Commissioner Weigel's appointment to the Joint Inclusion Committee.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 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

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. on unanimous consent.