

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen, Chair
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair
Tanya Athar-Jogee
Nancy Cárdenas Peña
Julia Cuba Lewis
Neva Fernandez
Juliana Gonzales
Dyana Limon-Mercado
Sarah Tober

Commissioners Absent:

Rossana Barrios
Amanda Lewis

Staff in Attendance:

Vicky Nguyen, Human Resources Department
Bryan Dore, Human Resources Department
Rebecca Kennedy, Human Resources Department
Lynn Carter, Law Department
Myrna Rios, Office of City Clerk
Stephanie Hall, Office of City Clerk

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting of August 14, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Tober's motion, Commissioner Gonzales' second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Barrios and Lewis were absent.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the following working groups:**
 - i. Economic equity**
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
 - ii. Sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience**
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
 - iii. Access to quality and affordable healthcare**
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
 - iv. Women's Hall of Fame**
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee.**
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2020 budget.**
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- d. Discussion regarding changes to the Commission's bylaws and mission statement.**
Discussion was held. 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.**
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
- f. Discussion and possible action regarding human trafficking.**
The action to submit the recommendation with approved changes to support methods to oppose human trafficking was approved on Commissioner Cuba Lewis' motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Tober was off the dais. Commissioners Barrios and Lewis were absent.
- g. Updates, discussion, and possible action regarding adult entertainment club promotional wording.**
Discussion was held. No action was taken.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Briefing, updates, and possible action on the 86th Texas Legislative session presented by Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer.**

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Withdrawn.

- b. Briefing, updates, and possible action on activities in March 2020 related to National Women's History Month presented by Barbara Foreman.**

Withdrawn.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding working group membership.**

The action to move Commissioner Tober from the quality and affordable healthcare working group to the Women's Hall of Fame working group and to add Commissioner Cárdenas Peña to the access to quality and affordable healthcare working group was approved on Commissioner Gonzales' motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Barrios and Lewis were absent.

The action to add Commissioner Athar-Jogee to the Women's Hall of Fame working group was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Tober's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Barrios and Lewis were absent.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Presentation from Austin Public Health regarding women's health.**
- b. Presentation on public/private partnerships.**
- c. Presentation from CAN Network about their dashboard.**
- d. Presentation on SIMS Foundation.**
- e. Presentation on partnership opportunity with the Austin Downtown Alliance.**
- f. Presentation from local Planned Parenthood.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m. without objection.