

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, October 9, 2019**



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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

**Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

Nancy Cárdenas Peña  
Amanda Lewis

**Staff in Attendance:**

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

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Ciji Wagner.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the regular meeting of September 11, 2019 were approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Fernandez's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Barrios and Tober were off the dais. Commissioners Cárdenas Peña and Lewis were absent.

The minutes from the regular meeting of September 11, 2019 were approved with changes on Commissioner Tober's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Cárdenas Peña and Lewis were absent.

**2. 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**

The action to remove Commissioner Barrios from this working group was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Fernandez's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Cárdenas Peña and Lewis were absent.

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

The action to add Commissioner Limon-Mercado to this working group was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Tober's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Cárdenas Peña and Lewis were absent.

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

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**3. BRIEFINGS**

**a. Presentation regarding a 2020 program partnership opportunity by Molly Alexander, Executive Director of the Downtown Austin Alliance Foundation.**

Presentation was shown.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and possible action regarding a 2020 program partnership opportunity with the Downtown Austin Alliance Foundation.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding future meeting dates/times/rooms for 2020.**  
The action to set the 2020 meeting schedule for the first Wednesday of each month at 12 p.m., with the January meeting being on the second Wednesday at 12 p.m., was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Cárdenas Peña and Lewis were absent.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding public/private partnerships.**  
Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Presentation from Austin Public Health regarding women's health.**
- b. A special called meeting was called by Vice Chair Bope for December 4, 2019 at 12 PM.**
- c. Presentation from CAN Network about their dashboard.**
- d. Presentation on SIMS Foundation.**
- e. Presentation from local Planned Parenthood.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. without objection.**