



LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020, at City Hall, 301 W Second Street, Room 1027, in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Kathryn Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Baeza, Chavez, Curry, Daniels, Doughty, Dowling, Gonzales, Gonzalez, Gorczynski, Hines, Kirby, Taylor, Wollerson

Staff in Attendance: Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Carlos Leon spoke on a personal matter

Rocio Wilches spoke in support of the Family Independence Initiative.

Madel Garcia spoke in support of the Family Independence Initiative.

Rosario Nava spoke in support of the Family Independence Initiative.

1. MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER – The Commission voted 13-0 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. The chair conducted the meeting based on consensus.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The meeting minutes of December 10, 2019 were approved without objection

3. REGULAR BUSINESS

a. Christian Mendoza, LGBTQ Liaison for the Austin Police Department, made a presentation to the Commission concerning the Safe Place Initiative and hate crime statistics.

b. Commissioners discussed budget recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year and the possibility of focusing recommendations on the concerns of homeless individuals, on unrestricted cash investments in low-income individuals, and on senior centers. The Joint Inclusion Committee has asked members of the quality of life commissions to attend other commission meetings to develop budget recommendations.

c. Joshua Robinson of the Equity Office provided an update on the LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Study.

d. Commissioners reviewed previous recommendations and necessary steps to follow up.

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Kathryn Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. without objection.