

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, January 8, 2021**



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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Friday, January 8, 2021 via videoconference.

**Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Rebecca Austen, Chair  
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair  
Tanya Athar-Jogee  
Julia Cuba Lewis  
Neva Fernandez  
Diana Melendez  
Sarah Tober

**Commissioners Absent:**

Juliana Gonzales  
Amanda Lewis  
Dyana Limon-Mercado

**Vacant:**

District 2

**Staff in Attendance:**

April Shaw, Human Resources Department

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission for Women regular meeting on December 2, 2020.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on December 2, 2020 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Fernandez off the dais and Commissioners Gonzales, Lewis, and Limon-Mercado absent.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and possible action regarding updated from 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 FY2021 budget.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**d. Discussion and possible action regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Austin's women and girls.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**e. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council on anti-racism.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**f. Discussion and possible action regarding Commission for Women Working Groups.**

The 2021 Commission for Women Working Groups were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Gonzales, Lewis, and Limon-Mercado absent.

**g. Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission Charter.**

Updates to the Commission for Women Charter were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Gonzales, Lewis, and Limon-Mercado absent.

**h. Discussion and possible action regarding childcare at City of Austin public meetings.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**3. BRIEFINGS**

**a. Presentation from Integral Care by Ellen Richards regarding issues related to mental health in Austin.**

Ellen Richards provided a presentation to the Commission regarding issues related to mental health in Austin.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and possible action regarding issues related to mental health in Austin.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Commission requested an item regarding the City of Austin FY2022 budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m. without objection.