

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 via videoconference.

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen, Chair
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair
Amanda Lewis
Neva Fernandez
Diana Melendez
Sarah Tober

Commissioners Absent:

Tanya Athar-Jogee
Julia Cuba Lewis
Juliana Gonzales

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 special called meeting on January 8, 2021.**

The minutes from the special called meeting on January 8, 2021 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Fernandez' second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioners Athar-Jogee, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales absent.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding updated from the following working groups:

i. Homelessness

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

ii. Safety

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

iii. Health

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

iv. Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls

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 Commission for Women Working Groups.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

3. BRIEFINGS

a. Presentation from Austin Police Department Victim Services by Kachina Clark regarding victim services and budget priorities and needs.

Kachina Clark provided a presentation to the Commission regarding victim services and budget priorities and needs.

b. Presentation from Survive2Thrive by Courtney Santana regarding displacement of domestic violence victims, homelessness prevention, and budget priorities and needs.

Courtney Santana provided a presentation to the Commission regarding displacement of domestic violence victims, homelessness prevention, and budget priorities and needs.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding victim services and budget and priority needs.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding displacement of domestic violence victims, homelessness prevention, and budget and priority needs.**

Discussion was held.

The motion to endorse the Human Rights Commission Recommendation No. 20201026-002a was made on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Tober's second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioners Athar-Jogee, Cuba Lewis, and Gonzales absent.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. without objection.