

**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.