

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 via videoconference.

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

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 regular meeting on February 3, 2021.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on February 3, 2021 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Fernandez' second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Lewis off the dais, and Commissioners 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.

The motion to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding appointment of the APD Chief was made on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Cuba Lewis and Gonzales absent.

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. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council endorsing the City of Austin's 2020 legislative agenda.

The motion to make a recommendation to the City Council in support of the City of Austin's 2020 legislative agenda was made on Chair Austen's motion, Vice-Chair Bope's

second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Lewis off the dais, and Commissioners Cuba Lewis and Gonzales absent.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission requested a future agenda item from EMS regarding the community health program for people experiencing homelessness.

The Commission requested a future agenda item to receive a follow up presentation regarding the APD evaluation of sexual assault investigations.

The Commission requested to receive a copy of the presentation being provided by the Parks and Recreation Department to city Boards and Commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m. without objection.