

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 via videoconference.

**Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Rebecca Austen, Chair  
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair  
Julia Cuba Lewis  
Neva Fernandez  
Diana Melendez  
Pam Rattan  
Sarah Tober

**Commissioners Absent:**

Vanessa Bissereth  
Juliana Gonzales  
Hemali Patel  
Josie Serrata

**Staff in Attendance:**

Jonathan Babiak, Office of Civil Rights

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission for Women regular meeting on May 5, 2021.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on May 5, 2021 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Bissereth, Gonzales, Patel, and Serrata 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**

The motion to approve a recommendation to the City Council regarding Local Menstrual Health Equity was made on Commissioner Tober's motion, Commissioner Cuba-Lewis' second on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners Bissereth, Gonzales, Patel, and Serrata absent.

**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 updates from the Winter Storm Review Task Force**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**d. Discussion and possible action regarding 2021 Commission for Women Working Groups.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken. The motion to approve working group memberships was made on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Rattan's second on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Bissereth, Fernandez, Gonzales, Patel, and Serrata absent.

**e. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2022 budget.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Presentation by Amber Fogarty, Mobile Loaves and Fishes, followed by discussion and possible action regarding programs for women and children in the community experiencing homelessness.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Presentation by Amber Price, Community Health Paramedic for Persons Experiencing Homelessness, Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST), Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services, and discussion and possible action regarding programs and services for persons experiencing homelessness.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m. without objection.