

JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE
September 22nd, 2021 at 3:00 PM
City Hall Board and Commissions – Room 1101
301 W 2nd St. #1120
Austin, Texas 78701



CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Hispanic Quality of Life Advisory Commission:

Amanda Afifi

Alternate: Sharon Vigil

Asian American Quality of Life Commission:

Vincent Cobalis

Alternate: Hanna Huang

Early Childhood Council:

Raul Alvarez

Alternate: Johanna Hosking Pulido

Commission on Immigrant Affairs:

Karen Crawford (Vice Chair)

Alternate: Krystal Gomez

Commission for Women:

Flannery Bope

Alternate: Rebecca Austen

LGBTQ Quality of Life

Commission:

Sandra Chavez

Alternate: Charles Curry

(Chair)

Commission for Seniors:

Janee Briesemeister

Alternate: Sally VanSickle

Mayor's Committee for People with Disability:

Robin Orłowski

Alternate: Joey Gidseg

Human Rights Commission:

Jamarr Brown

Alternate: Idona Griffith

African American Resource

Advisory Commission:

Gregory Smith

Alternate: Marissa Jones

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Amanda Afifi
2. Vincent Cobalis
3. Raul Alvarez
4. Karen Crawford
5. Rebecca Austen
6. Charles Curry
7. Emily de Maria
8. Robin Orłowski

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

3:05pm meeting called to order by Chair

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from August 25th

2. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from EOC by Bryce Bencivengo about the Winter Storm Response.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and updates on the 2021 – 2022 FY budget process from the City of Austin

The overall impression was that the FY21-22 budget process was not successful in meeting the needs outlined in the recommendations made by JIC Commissions. Commissioners will follow up with the departments on their commission's budget requests and report back on what was funded or not funded at our next meeting

- b. Discussion of next year's budget process, including recommendations based on last year's experience

The committee decided to be more proactive this year, and start our discussions early. Commissioners will return to their commission to discuss some of the top budget priorities, then report them back to the staff liaison by December 1 to have a discussion about budget priorities at our December meeting. The committee identified digital as well as language access issues; community engagement barriers; health care (including issues surfaced in the pandemic response as well as mental health) affordability - notably in housing as well as for the unhoused; public safety; immigrant legal services as issues that in the past have been priority concerns in several commissions

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of future Committee meetings and the requirement to meet in-person
- b. Discussion of 2021 Annual Review Report, including goals and possible work plan for the coming year

Commissioner Alvarez presented about his work with CAN and we discussed how we can approach our work as a committee

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Presentation from Chief Chacon
- b. Presentation from Comms and Tech office about their digital access study
- c. Presentation from Commissioner Alvarez re: community-centered approach

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.

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