



## COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### MINUTES

#### Regular Meeting

Wednesday – April 13, 2022 – 6:30 PM

City Hall – Boards and Commissions - Room 1101

301 W. 2nd Street - Austin, TX 78701

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#### **CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Sophie Gairo - Mayor Steve Adler

Nehemiah Pitts III - Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, District 1

Steven Apodaca – Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, District 2

Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria, District 3

Vacant - Council Member José “Chito” Vela, District 4

Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5

Vacant - Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6

Maxine Eiland - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7

Jennifer Ramos - Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8

Nicole Thompson – Council Member Kathie Tovo, District 9

Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

#### **Commission Members Present**

Nehemiah Pitts III

#### **Commission Members Attending Remotely**

Steven Apodaca

Malcolm Yeatts

Nicole Thompson

Jennifer Ramos

Sophie Gairo

#### **Excused Absence**

Sumit DasGupta  
Maxine Eiland

**Unexcused Absence**

Dave Floyd

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting Called to order at 6:43 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first ten speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

No members of the public signed up to speak.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 9, 2022**

**Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Apodaca passed on a vote of 6-0.**

**2. STAFF AND COMMUNITY BRIEFINGS (A member of the public may not address a board at a meeting on an item posted as a briefing)**

- a. Briefing from the Housing and Planning Department on the FY 22-23 Action Plan and Community Needs Assessment (Max Horstman, Mandy DeMayo)**

Presentation by Max Horstman and James May can be viewed [here](#).

- b. Economic Development Department on COVID programs and current programs (Sylvia Holt-Rabb, David Gray, and Susana Carbajal)**

Presentation by Sylvia Holt-Rabb and Susana Carbajal can be viewed [here](#).

**3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

- a. 2022 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program Award Recommendations – Jesse Rodriguez, Interim Program Manager, Financial Services Department (Commission discussion and possible action)**

Jesse Rodriguez, Interim Program Manager, presented the 2022 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program recommended awardees and gave an overview of the application and scoring process. The award memo can be viewed [here](#).

**Motion to approve the award recommendations as presented made by Commissioner Gairo and seconded by Commissioner Ramos passed on a vote of 6-0.**

**b. Digital Inclusion Town Hall Action – Chair Pitts (Commission discussion and possible action)**

Chair Pitts discussed the series of digital inclusion Town Halls that are occurring with the Austin Public Library, scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at the Southeast Branch Library.

**Motion to allow commissioners to participate in the Town Hall Meetings as long as quorum is not met at the meeting made by Chair Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, passed on a vote of 6-0.**

**c. Election of Officers (Commission discussion and possible action)**

**Motion to nominate Chair Pitts as Chair made by Chair Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Gairo passed on a vote of 6-0. Chair Pitts accepted the nomination.**

**Motion to nominate Commissioner Apodaca as Vice Chair made by Chair Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Thompson passed on a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Apodaca accepted the nomination.**

**4. COMMISSION UPDATES (Discussion and Possible Action)**

**a. Digital Inclusion, Civic Engagement, and Strategic Technology and Telecom Policy Working Group**

Chair Pitts noted the GTOPs application process coming to a close and resulting in the award recommendations accepted earlier in the meeting. He also noted the work being done by the RGK center to evaluate the 20 years of GTOPs and the report that will be forthcoming.

**b. Knowledge, Information, and Data Stewardship Working Group**

Chair Pitts noted this working group discussed the Housing and Planning Department's Action Plan covered earlier in the meeting.

**c. Technology, Infrastructure, and Innovation Working Group**

This working group discussed the Autonomy Institute and various staffers from the City to discuss Public Infrastructure Network Nodes. The group concluded that there will be follow-up questions generated and sent to the Autonomy Institute.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion on broadband standards

Commission work plan retreat

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Apodaca, seconded by Chair Ramos, passed on a vote of 6-0 at 8:51 PM.**

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