



**REGULAR MEETING of the LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022**

7:00 P.M.

**City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, Room 1401
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Austin, Texas 78752**

MEETING MINUTES

Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, contact Jeremy Garza, the Commission's staff liaison, at 512-978-1797 or jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Ryn Gonzales, Chair +
Kanoa Arteaga +
Emily Bush +
Charles Curry +
Rebecca Dreke +
Dr. Victor Martinez -
Christian Vieira +

Melissa Taylor, Vice Chair -
Marti Bier +
Kannou Curette -
Nan Dowling -
Katelyn Jones +
Darcy Rendon -
Brandon Wollerson +

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

By chair Ryn Gonzalez at 7:03pm.

ROLL CALL:

Absent:

- Victor Martinez
- Melissa Taylor
- Kannou Curette
- Nan Dowling
- Darcy Rendon

Present:

- Ryn Gonzalez
- Kanoa Arteaga
- Emily Bush

- Charles Curry
- Rebecca Dreke
- Christian Vieira
- Marti Bier
- Katelyn Jones
- Brandon Wollerson

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

- Community Advance Network (CAN) Carlos Soto
 - CAN Flyer – Posted online as backup & emailed to Commissioners
 - CAN aims to leverage mutual resources to increase social and economic opportunities in Austin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION’S REGULAR MEETING on June 13, 2022.
 - a. Motion to approve June 2022 regular meeting minutes by Charles Curry.
Seconded by Christian Vieira. All in favor; None opposed; Motion passes unanimously.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding Austin’s first comprehensive food plan pursuant to Austin City Council Resolution No. 20210610-039. The food plan will cover issues from food production, distribution, retail, consumption, food access, and food recovery and waste. Presented by Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager, Office of Sustainability; Emmie DiCicco, Food Policy Intern, Office of Sustainability. (*Sponsor: Staff; Strategic Outcome: Economic Opportunity & Affordability*)
3. Staff briefing regarding Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funded programs. Presented by Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager, Economic Development Department; Erica Shamaly, Music and Entertainment Division Manager, Economic Development Department; Melissa Alvarado, Heritage Tourism Division Manager, Economic Development Department. (*Sponsor: Staff; Strategic Outcome: Culture & Lifelong Learning*)
4. Staff briefing regarding the new position in the Equity Office. Presented by Jeremy Garza, the Equity Office’s Commissions & Neighborhood Liaison. (*Sponsor: Staff; Strategic Outcome: Government That Works for All*)
 - a. Tabled to next month to accommodate Commissioner Victor Martinez, who is absent and originally requested this briefing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Presentation by Grace Nguyen and Edna Parra of CapMetro on fare capping and Equifare, a new discounted fare category. (*Sponsor: Gonzales & Taylor; Strategic Outcome: Mobility*)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY2022-23 Budget process including the July 20, 2022, meeting of the Joint Inclusion Committee at which the Budget Office will present on the City Manager's Proposed Budget, the status of commission recommendations, and budget questions from Council. (*Sponsor: Curry & Gonzales; Strategic Outcome: Government That Works for All*)
 - a. Contact Jeremy via email, at jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov, if you would like to receive the virtual WebEx meeting link to attend this special called meeting.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Human Rights Campaign's Healthcare Equality Index rollout in Austin clinics and hospitals. (*Sponsor: Wollerson & Gonzales; Strategic Outcome: Health & Environment*)
 - a. Shelved in Feb 2020 due to covid, but this initiative is back! Event on the same day as the Pride Parade in Austin on August 20th.
8. Approve a resolution recommending an open and transparent selection process for the Equity Officer replacement that includes community and commission involvement. (*Sponsor: Curry & Gonzales; Strategic Outcome: Government That Works for All*)
 - a. Motion to approve the resolution by Commissioner Marti Bier. Seconded by Commissioner Katie Jones. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Passes unanimously with Commissioner Curette Abstained.
9. Discussion and possible action on the vacant at-large commission position.
 - a. Table to next meeting, including introductions for new commissioners.
10. Conduct officer elections for the Chair and Vice Chair.
 - a. Ryn opens nominations to Chair.
 - b. Commissioner Charles Curry nominates & motions for Ryn Gonzalez as chair of the LGBTQ QoL Commission. No other nominations. 2nd by Marti Bier; All in Favor; None opposed; Motion passes unanimously, with Ryn Gonzalez Abstaining.
 - c. Motion by Brandon Wollerson to table nomination for Vice-Chair to next month. Seconded by Marti Bier; All in Favor; None opposed; Motion passes unanimously.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Equity Office Staff Presentation on Staff Liaison.
- Nomination on Vice-Chair.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:57pm

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The minutes were approved at the August 8, 2022, meeting on a unanimous vote.