Commission for Women
***REGULAR CALLED* MEETING MINUTES**
Wednesday, September 7, 2022

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at Austin City Hall – Boards and Commission Room 1101 301 W 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Chair Rebecca Austen called the Commission for Women Meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:
Rebecca Austen, Chair
Pam Rattan

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Diana Melendez
Josephine Serrata
Neva Fernandez
Priscilla Cortez
Vanessa Bissereth

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair
Juliana Gonzales
Jocelyn Tau
Desiree Bermea

Staff in Attendance:
Kiarrah Carlisle, Office of Civil Rights

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on August 3, 2022.
   The minutes from the meeting of (08/03/2022) were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Rattan's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioner Serrata was not in attendance at the time of the motion. Vice Chair Bope, and Commissioners Gonzales, Tau, Bermea were absent.)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Presentation by Jeremy Garza, Commissions/Neighborhood Liaison in the Equity Office, with discussion and possible action regarding establishing a working group for the Quality of Life Study.

   The motion to establish a working group for the Quality of Life Study was approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Rattan's second on a (7-0) vote. (Vice Chair Bope, and Commissioners Gonzales, Tau, Bermea were absent.)

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Austin annual budget process.
   Discussion was held. No action was taken.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

4. Member update from Working Group on Homelessness.
   a. Rebecca Austen
   b. Flannery Bope
   c. Pam Rattan

   Discussion was held. No action was taken.

5. Member update from Working Group on Safety
   a. Desiree Bermea
   b. Neva Fernandez
   c. Julianna Gonzales
   d. Josie Serrata
   e. Amanda Lewis*

   Discussion was held. No action was taken.

6. Member update from Working Group on Health
   a. Flannery Bope
   b. Juliana Gonzales
   c. Diana Melendez
   d. Josie Serrata
   e. Jocelyn Tau

   Discussion was held. No action was taken.

7. Member update from Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls
   a. Vanessa Bissereth
   b. Priscilla Cortez
   c. Diana Melendez

   Discussion was held. No action was taken.

***Community participants**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. Presentation from the City Manager's Office and Police Research Forum (PERF) regarding Resolution No. 20190131-077 on evaluation of Austin Police Department's sexual assault investigations.

9. Presentation from Katie Herbers from the Austin Police Department's Healing Committee for SARRT regarding therapy modalities to survivors of sexual assault in Austin.

Chair Rebecca Austen adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m. without objection.