



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2022

5:30 p.m. – Adjournment

Austin City Hall, Board & Commission Room, 1101

301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Some members of the Human Rights Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may speak up to three minutes on an item only once either in-person or remotely. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation. To register, call or email the board liaison at 512-974-3253 or Damian.Pantoja@austintexas.gov

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Attended

(P) Garry Brown, Chair

(V) Isabel Casas, Vice Chair

(V) Sareta Davis

(V) Malenie Areche

(V) Isaiah Smith

(V) Alicia Weigel *arrived at 5:59 pm*

(V) Gabriella Zeidan

Did not Attend

Kimberly Brienzi

Kristian Caballero

Idona Griffith

Jamarr Brown

(P) = In-Person

(V) - Virtual

Staff:

Damian Pantoja

Start: 5:49 pm

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Human Rights Commission regular meeting of July 25, 2022 - motion by S. Davis and second by Chair G. Brown. 6-10 with the following commissioners absent: K. Brienzi, K. Caballero, I. Griffith, J. Brown, A. Weigel

STAFF BRIEFINGS - Completed

2. Staff Liaison to share announcements regarding attendance report
3. Staff Liaison to share announcements regarding videoconference policies
4. Staff Liaison to share announcements regarding communication tools
5. Staff Liaison to share announcements regarding resources made available
6. Staff Liaison to Welcome new Commissioner: Gabriella Zeidan

DISCUSSION ITEMS- Completed

7. Review and discussion about the City of Austin Budget Recommendations
8. Discussion a new time and date to vote in a future meeting for the new Fiscal Year - **add to the Sept Regular Meeting**

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION TIEMS - Completed

9. Opportunity for the Commissioners to discuss and possible vote on items for the next agenda.
10. Discuss, consider, and take possible action on steps to make the City of Austin Human Rights Commission more proactive. - **put things more in stone for Sept Meeting**
11. Discuss, consider, and take possible action for a larger presence in social media- Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, other
12. Discuss, consider, and take possible action to approve By-Laws - **G. Brown to take the lead**
13. Discuss, consider, and take possible action how HRC will have presence at events in Austin
14. Discuss, consider, and take possible action on Pamphlet for the public - **Staff Liaison to follow up with City Clerk's Office**
15. Discuss, consider, and take possible action how to conduct and hold hearings on complaints
16. Discussion, consider and possible action on Quality Life Study Human Rights - **Staff Liaison to follow up with other commissions**

ADJOURNMENT

End: 6:42 pm

Chair G. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm; Commissioner S. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-10 with the following commissioners absent: K. Brienzi, K. Caballero, I. Griffith, and J. Brown

The minutes were approved at the Sept 26, 2022 meeting on motion by I. Griffith and second by I. Smith. 9-0 with the following commissioners absent: J. Brown, and S. Davis