



## **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 25, 2022**

**Austin City Hall, Board & Commission Room,  
1101 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Isabel Casas, Vice Chair,

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:** Kimberly Brienzi, Idona Griffith, Gary Brown, Chair, Sareta Davis, Malenie Arche, Isaiah Smith, Kristian Caballero, Alicia Weigel

**Commissioners absent:** Jamarr Brown

**Staff in Attendance:** Damian Pantoja

Start: 5:35 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Carlos Soto, Research Analyst at the Community Advancement Network (CAN) spoke about the work CAN has engaged over the past year.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes could not be approved. The agenda listed May 2022 oppose to June 2022. June 2022 Minutes will be reviewed and voted for approval in the August Regular Meeting.

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

Staff Liaison to shared announcements regarding the attendance and videoconference policies. Chair G. Brown introduced the new commissioner: Isiah Smith. Chair G. Brown to shared how to connect with each commissioner before the August Regular Meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Douglas Ferguson with Voltage Control spoke regarding the SAFE Pledge a partnership with SFACE Alliance. **August Agenda**

Discussion of Commission goals for 2022-2023 in the following priority areas of concern:

- i. Institutional Equity

Conversation about the GRACE Act.

Look into ways to protect unpaid employees such as interns from discrimination of Title VII.

Commissioner of Brienzi would like an update on Homeless.

J. Brown and S. Davis attended a conference at the LBJ school that had not been held in over 30 years.

ii. Environment & Land Use

None

iii. Health Access & Nutrition

None

iv. Autonomy & Human Rights

None

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

Commissioner Casas made a motion to approve and add a 5th Commission Goal for 2022 - 2023. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners J. Brown absent.

A. Human Rights work by Commissioners was the goal added for 2022 - 2023. **August Agenda**

Add a 3rd person **August Agenda**

Review the status of the Bylaws (add the bylaws from 2015/2016) **August Agenda**

Quality Life Study Human Rights: Brienzi to follow up. **August Agenda**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

End: 6: 40

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm; Chair G. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Commissioners J. Brown absent.

**The minutes were approved at the Aug 22, 2022 meeting on 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**