



**REGULAR MEETING of the  
JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. CST  
AUSTIN CITY HALL  
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM  
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701  
**MEETING AGENDA****

This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, and some members of the Commission may be participating by video conference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or via telephone. **Remote speakers must register in advance (December 6th by 12pm-Noon CST).** All public comments will occur at the beginning of the meeting and public speakers will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. **To speak or attend remotely, residents must contact the Equity Office’s Commission/Neighborhood Liaison, Jeremy Garza, no later than 12pm-noon (CST) on Tuesday, December 6th, 2022. Please telephone call at (512) 978-1797 and/or email [jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov](mailto:jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov).** The information required is the speaker’s name, the item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address, and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

**CURRENT JIC MEMBER COMMISSIONS & REPRESENTATIVES:**

<b>Member Commission:</b>	<b>JIC Representative:</b>	<b>Alternative:</b>
African American Resource Advisory Commission	Gregory Smith	<i>Serita Fontanesi</i>
Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission	Vincent Cobalis	<i>Hanna Huang</i>
Commission for Women	Rebecca Austen	<i>Diana Melendez</i>
Commission on Immigrant Affairs	Juan Vences-Benitez	<i>Krystal Gomez</i>
Commission on Seniors/Commission on Aging	Amy Temperley	<i>Richard Bondi</i>
Early Childhood Council	Raul Alvarez	<i>Johanna Hosking Pulido</i>
Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission	Amanda Afifi	<i>Sharon Vigil</i>
Human Rights Commission	Idonna Griffith	<i>Kimberly Brienzi</i>
LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Commission	Charles Curry <i>(Chair of JIC)</i>	<i>Ryn Gonzales</i>
Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities	Robin Orłowski	<i>Vacant</i>

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order by Chair Charles Curry at:

**ROLL CALL:**

***ABSENT:***

***PRESENT:***

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSIONS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**STAFF PRESENTATION**

2. Austin Public Health (APH) - Michelle Friedman, Akeshia Johnson-Smothers, and Roshanda Hodges: Presentation and request for feedback on the Basic Needs Issue Area Solicitation.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. Discussion and possible action on nominating a new vice-chair of the JIC. City Clerk says only primary representatives of the JIC can be chair/vice-chair, and Ryn Gonzales (who was nominated as vice-chair in October) is an alternate representative, and therefore does not qualify for leadership within the JIC. The vote in October affirming her as vice-chair is now null and void.
4. Discussion and possible action on the FY23-24 Budget Process, including feedback from the November 5<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop.
5. Discussion and possible action on the Quality-of-Life Town Halls.
6. Discussion possible action on Joint QoL Study Retreat at the end of January.

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7. Discussion on the “How to Commission Manual” and possible action on creating a workgroup to develop commissioner onboarding, budget training, how-to commission guide, and facilitation suggestions on how to run a commission meeting, including recommendations for staff presentations, etc.
8. Discussion and possible action on the Q&A document from City Clerk’s Office, and follow-up responses from the Clerk on additional questions from commissioners.
9. Discussion and possible actions on how to make commission meetings and events more accessible.
10. Discussion and possible action on establishing any needed working groups of the JIC or authorizing additional members for existing working groups.
11. Discussion on leadership vacancies in the City's Equity Office, Innovation Office, Civil Rights Office, and Office of Police Oversight; with possible action on recommending JIC and community involvement in the candidate selection.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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