



Commission for Women

REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 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 12:11 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Flannery Bope, Vice Chair

Diana Melendez

Priscilla Cortez

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Rebecca Austen, Chair

Pam Rattan

Josephine Serrata

Neva Fernandez

Jocelyn Tau

Vanessa Bissereth

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Desiree Bermea

Juliana Gonzales

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 October 5, 2022.
The minutes from the meeting of (10/05/2022) were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a (9-0) vote. (Commissioners Bermea and Gonzales were absent).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Quality of Life Study.
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the nominations and event for the Women's Hall of Fame.
Motion to allow the Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls to negotiate up to 10 percent with a non-profit organization in a fiscal agreement was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Serrata's second on a 9-0 vote. (Commissioners Bermea and Gonzales were absent).
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Austin's annual budget process with the disposition of the Working Groups on Homelessness, Safety, and Health.
Motion to complete the work of the Homelessness, Safety, and Health Working Groups and consider those Working Groups done with work that they were originally commissioned to accomplish and will no longer be in existence was approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Fernandez's second on a 9-0 vote. (Commissioners Bermea and Gonzales were absent).
5. Discussion and possible action regarding Working Group membership.
Discussion was held. No action was taken.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

6. Member update from Working Group on Homelessness.
 - a. Rebecca Austen
 - b. Flannery Bope
 - c. Pam Rattan**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**
7. 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.**
8. 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.**

9. 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.

10. Member update from Working Group on Quality of Life Study
 - a. Rebecca Austen
 - b. Josie Serrata
 - c. Jocelyn Tau
 - d. Pam Rattan

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

***Community participants**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. Identify additional issue areas for possible research and recommendations.

Chair Rebecca Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m. without objection.

The minutes from the meeting were approved on December 7, 2022 on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Serrata, Tau and Cortez were absent at the time of the vote). (Commissioners Rattan and Fernandez were absent).