



**REGULAR MEETING of the  
JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. CST  
AUSTIN CITY HALL  
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM  
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701  
**MEETING MINTUES****

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 (October 25th 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, October 25th, 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	Karen Crawford + <i>(Vice-Chair of JIC)</i>	<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>Joey Gidseg</i>

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order by Chair Charles Curry at: 3:01pm

**ROLL CALL:**

***ABSENT:***

- **Human Rights Commission: Idonna Griffith & Kimberly Brienzi**

***PRESENT:***

- African American Resource Advisory Commission: Gregory Smith
- Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission: Vincent Cobalis
- Commission for Women: Rebecca Austen
- Commission on Immigrant Affairs: Karen Crawford
- Commission on Aging: Amy Temperley & Richard Bondi
- Early Childhood Council: Raul Alvarez
- Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission: Amanda Afifi
- LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Commission: Charles Curry & Ryn Gonzales
- Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities: Robin Orłowski

**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 ~~September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022~~ and October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - a. September 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes removed due to voided/cancelled meeting due to lack of audio recording for public record.
  - b. Motion to approve the October 5<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting Minutes by Vince Cobalis. Seconded by Karen Crawford. All in favor. None opposed. Meeting Minutes approved unanimously.

### STAFF PRESENTATION

2. Presentation from Scott J. Spivey-Provencio M.D. Candidate UT Austin Dell Medical on non-profit "Dollar For" helping to provide Medical Debt Relief
  - a. [Scott@dollarfor.org](mailto:Scott@dollarfor.org)
  - b. Dollarfor.org/Austin

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action on electing a new Vice-Chair of the Joint Inclusion Committee.
  - a. Self-nomination by Ryn Gonzalez. Seconded by Becky Austen.
  - b. Vincent Cobalis nominates Raul Alvarez.
    - i. Raul Alvarez declines nomination.
  - c. Amy Temperley motions to close the nominations. Seconded by Vincent Cobalis. All in favor in closing the nomination and declaring Ryn Gonzales as Vice-Chair. All in favor. None opposed. Ryn Gonzales unanimously elected Vice-Chair of the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC).
4. Discussion and possible action on the Q&A document from City Clerk's Office, including feedback from member commission meetings on forming Workgroups.
  - a. Six additional questions from the commission on Aging (will be posted in backup)
  - b. What working groups has your commission formed:
    - i. African American: Only Budget workshop, others are being revised/reconsidered.
    - ii. Asian American: Budget approved, will revise others.
    - iii. Commission for Women: Will close out 3 workgroups next month. Will soon establish another on Equity for Women & Girls' program. Recently established a Workgroup for Quality-of-Life Study, and another for the FY23-24 Budget.
    - iv. Commission for Immigrant Affairs: Workgroup on the budget and another on their Quality-of-Life Study.
    - v. Commission on Aging: Recently established a Budget Workgroup and a Quality-of-Life Study Workgroup. The 'Age Friendly Domain Workgroup's are pending response from city clerk for continuation.
    - vi. Early Childhood Council: Recently established a Budget Workgroup & Quality-of-Life Study Workgroup.
    - vii. Hispanic/Latino: Reestablished a Budget workgroup & Quality-of-Life Study workgroup.
    - viii. LGBTQ: Budget Workgroup is thier only active workgroup. Considering additional ones soon, based on policy priorities.
    - ix. Mayor's Committee: One established working group on the Budget.

5. Discussion & possible action on the November 5<sup>th</sup> budget workshop, including agenda, purpose, and parameters for attendance.
  - a. Discussion reminding of no quorum of any commission, including the JIC, at the November 5<sup>th</sup> event. Every commission will send at least one representative. No further action taken.
  
6. Discussion and possible action on Budget Priorities.
  - a. The JIC will wait to name the budget priorities until after the last town hall in mid-January. Will decide on the budget priorities, based on town hall feedback, at the regular JIC meeting on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  
7. Discussion and possible action on organizing joint community town halls in December and January.
  - a. Concerns about accessibility in terms of timing. Should we host two town halls versus three? Can we reach out to people in the times that they can be present?
    - i. One night/evening town hall; one day-time town hall; & one weekend townhall to maximize participation and accessibility.
  - b. One town hall in December 2022, and two town halls in January 2023.
    - i. One Night, One weekday, One Saturday .
  - c. DATE IN DECEMBER:
    - i. Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (Daytime/weekday meeting)
  - d. DATE IN JANUARY:
    - i. Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> (Night/Evening Time Meeting)
    - ii. Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> (Weekend Meeting)
  - e. Possible Locations:
    - i. ~~Wildflower Unitarian Church~~
    - ii. ~~Central Library~~
      1. North Austin
        - a. Asian American Resource Center
        - b. Gus Garcia Senior Center
        - c. YMCA North Austin Community Recreation Center
        - d. Permitting & Development Center (PDC)
      2. East Austin
        - a. Millennial Youth Entertainment Center
        - b. Carver Museum – Kerri Adams
        - c. Montopolis Recreation Center
      3. South Austin
        - a. South Austin Recreation Center
        - b. Southeast Branch Library
  
8. Discussion and possible action on best practices for staff presentations.
  - a. Guidelines coming from Ryn Gonzales, with added suggestions from Amanda Afifi and Rebecca Austen about narrow scope, applicability to commission’s community, and Becky’s suggestion to not put a presentation on commission agenda time until after the presentation is shared with the commission.

9. Discussion and possible action on establishing any needed working groups of the JIC.
  - a. So far, the JIC has a Budget Workgroup, a Housing Workgroup, and a Quality-of-Life Study Workgroup.
  - b. Ryn Gonzales motions for a workgroup to develop budget training, commissioner onboarding, how-to commission guide, and facilitation suggestions on staff presentation, etc.
    - i. Tabled to December's meeting to allow time to write up the precise motion/resolution that specifies this new workgroup, including details about the duration, purpose, end product, and who wants to join.
    - ii. Ryn Gonzales, Charles Curry, & Robin Orłowski wants to join this workgroup.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

10. Commission How-To Guide/Onboarding Training Workgroup
11. How to make commission meetings & events more accessible.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

12. Motion to adjourn by Rebecca Austen. Seconded by Greg Smith. All in favor, none opposed.
  - a. **Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.**

**The minutes were approved at the 12/07/2022 regular meeting of the JIC on Commissioner Idonna Griffith's motion, Commissioner Robin Orłowski's second, and on a unanimous vote.**

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