



**COLLEGE STUDENT COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**GENERAL MEETING
(16, SEPTEMBER, 2022)**

The College Student Commission convened in a general meeting on the 16th of September, 2022 at Austin City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Chair *Heymans* called the Board Meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Esther Heymans, Tatum Owens, Justin Chute, Todd Clayton, Andrea Danburg, Miles Diggs, Kennedy Fears, Isabella Grimm, and Lira Ramirez.

Staff in Attendance: Supervisor *Dr. Chiquita Eugene* and Liaison *David Alcorta*

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. One amendment was made to the April 29th meeting minutes, accounting for the presence of staff member Dr. Chiquita Eugene.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS/COMMISSION UPDATES

- a. Liaison *Alcorta* provided a description into the role of secretary to brief the commission before its election.
- b. Commissioners introduced themselves after a prompt from Liaison *Alcorta*, and other introductory content was shared regarding information about general communications, the application process, walking quorums, and the code of conduct.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Goals

- i. Commissioner *Clayton* shared their interest in the advocacy area of transportation and in supporting the LGBTQIA community.
- ii. Commissioner *Diggs* shared their interest in comparing our commission to similar advisory boards across Texas.
- iii. Commissioner *Fears* shared their interests in the advocacy areas of voter registration, especially regarding accessible polling locations, as well as adequate parking options.
- iv. Co-Chair *Owens* shared their interest in advocating for food insecurity and access.
- v. Commissioner *Danburg* shared their interest in the advocacy areas of transportation, parking, healthcare, and a clean city free of litter.
- vi. Commissioner *Grimm* shared their interest in the advocacy areas of mental health and parking options.
- vii. Commissioner *Chute* shared their interest in advocating for access to transportation and expressed excitement about the opportunity to represent their student body.
- viii. Commissioner *Ramirez* shared their interest in advocating for food insecurity, transportation, and disability rights.

- ix. Chair *Heymans* shared their interest in advocating for disability justice and information about the commission's involvement in the Food Insecurity Grant Program.
- b. **Election- Secretary**
 - i. Election voting in Miles Diggs as the Secretary for the commission was approved on Chair *Heyman's* motion, Commissioner *Clayton's* second on a 9-0 vote.
- c. **Working Group Updates**
 - i. Commissioners moved around working groups, keeping all previous groups from last term. This discussion also included the motion from Co-Chair *Owens*, second from Commissioner *Ramirez*, to initiate a Food Insecurity and Access Working Group.
- d. **Campus Reports and Municipal Involvement**
 - i. Updates from Huston-Tillotson University involved the discussion of National Voter Registration Day (NVRD- September 20th), and Commissioner *Fear's* voter registration event on that day. In this space, Commissioner Diggs also expressed that the campus has campus safety concerns.
 - ii. Updates from Austin Community College involved the discussion of food insecurity and safety concerns.
 - iii. Updates from Concordia University involved the discussion of establishment of traditions on campus.
 - iv. Updates from UT-Austin involved campus concerns around formal complaints for filing missing person's reports, regarding overall campus safety. Co-Chair *Owens* spoke about NVRD as well, then adding several groups around campus that could be worked with: Rethink35, Transit Forward, and Rise Riverside.
 - v. Updates from St. Edward's University involved the discussion of NVRD, and a student government-led campus safety walk.
- e. **Future Agenda Items**
 - i. Several items were discussed including parking around campus, creating an administrative committee or working group (to discuss conduct, sustainability of the commission, and processes within), and the possibility of adding a space in our agendas for updates on the College Food Access Grant.
 - ii. The College Student Commission's next meeting will take place on October 21st at 4:15pm at City Hall.

5. ADJOURN

- a. Chair *Heymans* adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m without objection, seconded by Commissioner *Clayton*.

The minutes were approved at the December 9th, 2022 meeting on Chair *Heymans'* motion, Vice Chair *Owens* second on a (8-0) vote.