



***Commission for Women***  
**REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES**  
***Wednesday, December 7, 2022***

**The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at Austin City Hall – Boards and Commission Room 1101 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

**Chair Rebecca Austen called the Commission for Women Meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*Rebecca Austen, Chair*  
*Flannery Bope, Vice Chair*  
*Diana Melendez*  
*Josephine Serrata*  
*Juliana Gonzales*  
*Jocelyn Tau*

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

*Priscilla Cortez*  
*Desiree Bermea*  
*Vanessa Bissereth*

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**

*Pam Rattan*  
*Neva Fernandez*

**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 special called meeting on October 29, 2022.

**The minutes from the meeting of (10/29/2022) were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Bissereth and Cortez was not in attendance at the time of the motion. Commissioners Fernandez and Rattan were absent.)**

2. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on November 2, 2022.  
**The minutes from the meeting of (11/02/2022) were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Bissereth and Cortez was not in attendance at the time of the motion. Commissioners Fernandez and Rattan were absent.)**

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the review of the PERF report and priority topics for the PERF report presentation in the January 2023 meeting.  
**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Quality of Life Study.  
**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Women's Hall of Fame event.  
**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY-23 budget.  
**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**
7. Discussion and possible action to identify any priority issue area for future research.  
**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**
8. Discussion and possible action regarding Working Group membership.  
**The motion to approve the Working Group membership as documented for November with the addition of Commissioner Gonzales on FY2023-24 Budget Working Group was approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a (8-0) vote. (Commissioner Bermea was not in attendance at the time of the motion. Commissioners Fernandez and Rattan were absent).**

### **WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

9. Member update from Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls
  - a. Priscilla Cortez
  - b. Diana Melendez**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**
10. Member update from Working Group on Quality of Life Study
  - a. Rebecca Austen
  - b. Diana Melendez

- c. Pam Rattan
- d. Josie Serrata
- e. Jocelyn Tau

**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**

- 11. Member update from Working Group on FY2023-24 Budget
  - a. Rebecca Austen
  - b. Flannery Bope
  - c. Vanessa Bissereth
  - d. Jocelyn Tau

**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**

**Chair Rebecca Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes from the meeting were approved on January 11, 2023 on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a (6-0) vote. (Commissioners Serrata, Melendez and Cortez were absent at the time of the vote). (Commissioners Bermea and Bissereth were absent).**