



**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 MINUTES**

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.** 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:

Member Commission:	JIC Representative:	Alternative:
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 Aging	Amy Temperley	<i>Richard Bondi</i>
Commission on Immigrant Affairs	Juan Vences-Benitez	<i>Krystal Gomez</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>(Vice-Chair of JIC)</i>	<i>Kimberly Brienzi</i>
LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Advisory 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: 3:08pm

ROLL CALL:

ABSENT:

- African American Resource Advisory Commission: Gregory Smith & Serita Fontanesi

PRESENT:

- Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission: Hanna Huang & Vincent Cobalis
- Commission for Women: Rebecca Austen
- Commission on Immigrant Affairs: Juan Vences-Benitez
- Commission on Aging: Amy Temperley
- Early Childhood Council: Raul Alvarez
- Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission: Amanda Afifi
- Human Rights Commission: Idonna Griffith
- LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Advisory Commission: Charles Curry
- Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities: Robin Orlowski

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.

NONE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSIONS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING on October 26th, 2022.
 - a. Motion by Commissioner Griffith to approve the October 26th Special Called Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Orlowski. None opposed. None abstained. All in Favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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.
 - a. Tabled by the presenter to the regular JIC meeting on January 25th, 2023.

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.
 - a. Self-nomination Idonna Griffith of the Human Rights Commission.
 - b. Commissioner Alavarez motioned to close the nomination and appoint Idonna Griffith to serve as Vice-Chair of the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC). Seconded by Commissioner Temperley. None abstained. None opposed. All in Favor. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Discussion and possible action on the FY23-24 Budget Process, including feedback from the November 5th Budget Workshop.
 - a. Tabled by the chair to the regular JIC meeting on January 25th, 2023.
5. Discussion and possible action on the Quality-of-Life Town Halls.
 - a. Discussion on advertising, marketing, and spreading the word for public participation. Print out flyers will be made for distribution. Translated flyers in Vietnamese and Chinese (simplified) are still forthcoming.
6. Discussion possible action Joint QoL Study Retreat at the end of January.
 - a. The committee decided on Sunday February 5th from 12pm to 4pm for the QoL Study Retreat, for all ten commissions to gather and determine how they can collaborate and work together on the five QoL studies funded in this current 2022-23 fiscal year.
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.
 - a. Tabled by the chair to the regular JIC meeting on January 25th, 2023.
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.

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- a. Special guest Stephanie Hall (Assistant City Clerk) was present to answer questions. Please see the recording starting at 56 minutes & 30 second mark.
9. Discussion and possible actions on how to make commission meetings and events more accessible.
 - a. Suggestion by Hanna Huang: “The Austin Common” (Instagram account & local organization) helps publicize meetings and how to participate, with tutorials with engaging graphics, that is sensible to the common person. Interest to reach out to them for a special feature or sponsored post.
 - b. Item tabled to the regular JIC meeting on January 25th, 2023.
10. Discussion and possible action on establishing any needed working groups of the JIC or authorizing additional members for existing working groups.
 - a. No action taken.
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.
 - a. Committee decided to strike the “Innovation Office” from this recommendation.
 - b. Commissioner Temperley motioned to pass this resolution (as stated in the backup). Seconded by Commissioner Austen. None Opposed. None Abstained. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. Austin Public Health (APH) - Michelle Friedman, Akeshia Johnson-Smothers, and Roshanda Hodges: Presentation and request for feedback on the Basic Needs Issue Area Solicitation.
13. MCPD – Discussion and possible action on a recommendation about Civil Rights and the ADA Program currently in HRD.
14. Report back from the three Quality-of-Life Town Halls; review big takeaways.
15. Joint QoL Study Retreat on Sunday, February 5th, 2022 from 12pm to 4pm.
16. 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
17. Discussion and possible action on the FY23-24 Budget Process
18. Discussion and possible action on making commission meetings/events more accessible.

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19. Discussion and possible action on establishing any needed working groups of the JIC or authorizing additional members for existing working groups.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at **4:57pm**

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For more information on the **Joint Inclusion Committee**, please contact Jeremy Garza via phone at (512) 987-1797 or (preferably) via email at jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov.

* The Joint Inclusion Committee voted to approve these meeting minutes at their regular meeting on 01/25/2023 on a motion by Commissioner Amy Temperley, and seconded by Commissioner Robin Orłowski. None abstained. None opposed. The motion to approve these meeting minutes passed unanimously.