



**REGULAR MEETING of the  
JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 (January 24<sup>th</sup> 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, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 (Vice-Chair of JIC)	<i>Kimberly Brienzi +</i>
LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Advisory Commission	Charles Curry + (Chair of JIC)	<i>Ryn Gonzales</i>
Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities	Robin Orłowski +	<i>Jennifer Powell</i>

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order by Chair Charles Curry at: **3:05pm**

**ROLL CALL:**

***ABSENT:***

- ***Juan Vences-Benitez/Krystal Gomez - Commission on Immigrant Affairs***

***PRESENT:***

- **Greg Smith & Serita Fontanesi – African American Resource Advisory Commission**
- **Vincent Cobalis – Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission**
- **Rebecca Austen – Commission for Women**
- **Amy Temperley + Richard Bondi – Commission on Aging**
- **Raul Alvarez – Early Childhood Council**
- **Amanda Afifi – Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission**
- **Kimberly Brienzi – Human Rights Commission**
- **Charles Curry – LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission**
- **Robin Orlowski – Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities**

**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 COMMITTEE’s REGULAR CALLED MEETING on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - a. Motion by Commissioner Temperley to approve the regular meeting minutes on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Orlowski. All in favor. None opposed. None Abstained. The motion carries unanimously.

**STAFF PRESENTATION**

2. Austin Public Health (APH) - Michelle Friedman, Angela Baucom, Akeshia Johnson-Smothers, and Roshanda Hodges: Presentation and request for feedback on the Basic Needs Issue Area Solicitation.
3. American Gateways: Lora Petty, Director of Development and Daniela Guerrero, Program Support Specialist (possibly also Edna Yang)

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Discussion and possible action on Budget Priorities for FY23-24; including report back from the Quality-of-Life Town Halls
  - a. Priorities: Affordability, Public Safety, Health & Transportation
    - i. Motion by Amy Temperley to approve the JIC Budget Priority Issue Areas for FY23-24 as affordability, public safety, health and transportation. Seconded by commissioner Robin Orlowski. All in favor. None Opposed. None Abstained. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Discussion and possible action the budget schedule; currently in draft form (see backup).
  - a. Special Called Meeting of the JIC will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
6. Discussion and possible action on QoL Studies – February 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Retreat
7. Discussion on the “How to Commission Manual/Handbook 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 to next meeting by the Chair.
8. Discussion and possible actions on how to make commission meetings and events more accessible. In December 2022, Commissioner Huang suggested posting on “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.
  - a. Tabled to next meeting by the Chair.
9. Discussion and possible action on establishing any needed working groups of the JIC or authorizing additional members for existing working group
  - a. Nominate Eric Bryd to the Budget Workgroup. Motion by Commissioner Vince Cobalis. Seconded Raul Alvarez. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. The motion carries unanimously.

- b. Nominate Ani Colt to the Housing Workgroup. Motion by Amy Temperely. Seconded by Robin Orłowski. All in Favor. None Opposed. None abstained. Motion carries unanimously.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

10. ATXWBR Staff Presentation: Updates from the City's active transportation plans, urban trails, sidewalks, and bikeways, one plan for each, but being updated together. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to Council about adopting these plans. Craig McColloch - Public Works Capital Delivery Project Manager & Cole Kitten – Austin Transportation Division Manager (February 2023)
11. Budget & Performance Office (BPO) – Nicole Castanon & Brad Sinclair: Presentation & Feedback Session on SD23 and SD28 as a guide to forming budget recommendations. (TBD)

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

12. The meeting adjourned at: **4:50pm**

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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](mailto:jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov).

**\* The Joint Inclusion Committee voted to approve these meeting minutes at their regular meeting on 02/22/2023 on a motion by Commissioner Becky Austen, and seconded by Commissioner Raul Alvarez. Vote: 10-0, none abstained, none opposed, and the motion to approve these meeting minutes passed unanimously.**