



**COLLEGE STUDENT COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**GENERAL MEETING
(9, December, 2022)**

The College Student Commission convened in a general meeting on the 9th of December, 2022 at the Permitting & Development Center in Austin, Texas.

Chair *Heymans* called the Board Meeting to order at 4:54 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance: Liaison *David Alcorta*

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. No members of the public signed up to speak.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes were approved without objection.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS/COMMISSION UPDATES

- a. *Stephanie Hall* of the Clerk's Office provided a presentation on the process to update the commission's bylaws, agenda posting, and how to request items be placed on future agendas.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Changes to the commission's current bylaws

- i. Commissioners discussed the possibility of approving the bylaws in our next meeting.
- ii. Commissioners discussed the role of our elected Secretary, *Miles Diggs*.

b. The purpose of working groups.

- i. Staff Liaison *David Alcorta* explained the purpose of working groups, specifically how they are temporary in nature and end once they have completed their stated objective.

c. The commission's areas of focus: transportation, housing, affordability, immigration/equity, and public safety. Yet not limited to these topics.

- i. Staff Liaison *David Alcorta* explained the original areas of focus for the commission listed in its charter.

d. How to request something be placed on the agenda.

- i. Chair *Heymans* reminded the commission how to request items be placed on future agenda.

e. Parking options for college students in the city of Austin.

- i. Commissioner *Fears* spoke on the difficulty of finding affordable or free parking for students who commute.

f. Healthcare access for college students in the city of Austin

- i. Commissioners share the different levels of healthcare available at their respective campuses. Discussion focuses on the absence or limited availability of nurses, physicians, and therapists on campuses.
 - ii. Chair *Heymans* asks commissioners to share how they would like to help make healthcare more accessible on their campuses. Discussion focuses on making basic healthcare more accessible and affordable for students.
- g. Littering and Sustainability.**
 - i. Chair *Heymans* moves to postpone this item to next meeting. Vice Chair *Owens* seconds. Motion passed without objection.
- h. Disability Justice**
 - i. Chair *Heymans* moves to postpone this item to next meeting. Vice Chair *Owens* seconds. Motion passed without objection.
- i. The mental health of college students in the city of Austin**
 - i. Chair *Heymans* moves to postpone this item to next meeting. Vice Chair *Owens* seconds. Motion passed without objection.
- 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Discussion and approval of future commission meeting dates.**
 - i. Commissioners discussed the calendar of commission meetings for Spring '23. March meeting date is moved from 3/12 to 3/24 to avoid conflicting with spring break. May meeting date is removed due to graduations. Vice Chair *Owens* moves to approve the dates. Commissioner *Clayton* seconds. Motion passes without objection.
- 6. WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - a. Updates from the *Housing, Mental Health & Accessibility, Transportation, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Sustainability, and Food Insecurity* working groups.**
 - i. Vice Chair *Owens* moves to postpone this item to next meeting. Commissioner *Fears* seconds. Motion passed without objection.
 - b. Campus Reports & Community and Municipal Involvement.**
 - i. Vice Chair *Owens* moves to postpone this item to next meeting. Commissioner *Fears* seconds. Motion passed without objection.
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Provide input for future agenda items.**
 - i. Item postponed due to lack of quorum after Commissioner *Diggs* losing connection to the meeting.
- 8. ADJOURN**
 - a. The meeting adjourned at 6:06PM due to lack of quorum after Commissioners *Diggs* and *Clayton* dropped from call.**

The minutes were approved at the March 24th, 2023 meeting on Vice-Chair *Owens*' motion, Commissioner *Danburg* second, on a (8-0) vote.