



**REGULAR MEETING of the
JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 2023 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 (February 21st 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, February 21st, 2023. 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>Jennifer Powell</i>

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order by Chair Charles Curry at: **3:11pm**

ROLL CALL:

ABSENT:

- **Commission on Immigrant Affairs: Juan Vences-Benitez & Krystal Gomez**
- **Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission: Amanda Afifi & Sharon Vigil**

PRESENT:

- **African American Resource Advisory Commission: Serita Fontanesi**
- **Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Hanna Huang**
- **Commission for Women: Becky Austen**
- **Commission on Aging: Amy Temperley & Richard Bondi**
- **Early Childhood Council: Raul Alvarez**
- **Human Rights Commission: Idonna Griffith & Kimberly Brienzi**
- **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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMITTEE's REGULAR CALLED MEETING on January 25th, 2023.

- a. Correction: Item 9B –nominee is Ani Colt not Amy Holt**
- b. Commissioner Becky Austen made motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Raul Alvarez seconded. Motion to approve the January 25th meeting minutes passed unanimously.**

STAFF PRESENTATION

- 2. 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. Laura Dierenfield – Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager, Austin Transportation; Ann DeSanctis - Project Coordinator for Urban Trails, Public Works Dept; John Eastman - Sidewalks Division Manager, Public Works Dept; Nathan Wilkes – Bikeways Program Lead, Austin Transportation**
 - a. No actions taken, though there was an extensive conversation.**
- 3. Budget & Performance Office (BPO) – Nicole Castanon & Brad Sinclair: Presentation & Feedback Session on SD23 and SD28 as a guide to forming budget recommendations.**
 - a. Tabled for another future meeting (TBD) at the request of the budget office.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 4. Discussion and possible action on Budget Recommendations for FY23-24. Budget Priorities include Affordability, Public Safety, Health, & Transportation. Also, round table on where Commissions are on budget recommendations, including schedules.**
 - a. Areas of focus per Commission:**
 - b. African American QoL – priority areas are maternal healthcare, housing, education but drafts are not ready**
 - c. Asian American QoL – key priorities will likely be mental health, affordability, and housing.**
 - d. Commission for Women – priority areas will likely be health, public safety, affordability.**

- e. Aging – priority areas are health, transportation, safety.**
 - f. Early Childhood – March 8 is when recommendations will be drafted, likely 2 to 3 but does not have priority areas.**
 - g. Human Rights Commission – Homelessness**
 - h. LGBTQ+ – 6 recommendations in areas of rental assistance, housing MFI, short term rentals, renters’ rights, mental health**
 - i. Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities – have not finalized priority areas, potential.**
 - j. Immigrant Affairs and HLQOL Absent**
- 5. Discussion and possible action on hosting a Special Called Meeting of the JIC on March 29th at 3pm.
 - a. Motion by Idonna Griffith for a special called meeting on March 29 at 3pm. Second by Richard Bondi. Passes unanimously.**
- 6. Discussion and possible action on QoL Studies – Rescheduling the Joint Retreat
 - a. Will revisit when Jeremy returns.**
- 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. Nothing to report, will keep on agenda for March.**
- 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. Nothing to report, will keep on agenda for March.**

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

a. Nothing to report, will keep on agenda for March.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. Call for items from Committee Members:

- a. Budget and Performance Office
- b. Agenda items 6-9

ADJOURNMENT:

11. The meeting adjourned at: **4:48pm**

a. Raul Alvarez motioned to adjourn. Becky Austen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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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 03/22/2023 on a motion by Commissioner Rebecca Austen, and seconded by Commissioner Amy Temperley. Vote: 8-0. None abstained. None opposed. In favor: Commissioners Smith, Huang, Austen, Temperley, Alvarez, Afifi, Curry, & Powell. Absent from Vote: Commissioners Vences-Benitez & Griffith. The motion to approve these meeting minutes passed unanimously.**