



***HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION***

***REGULAR MEETING MINUTES***

***TUESDAY, JULY 26th, 2022***

**The HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on *TUESDAY, JULY 26th, 2022 at AUSTIN CITY HALL BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM #1101, 301 W. 2ND STREET in AUSTIN, TEXAS.***

**Chair AMANDA AFIFI called the HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING to order at 5:39 pm CST.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

**Amanda Afifi (*Chair*)**

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

**Sharon Vigil, District 7 (*Vice-Chair*)**

**Daniela Silva, District 1**

**Dulce Castaneda, District 10**

**Ivanna Neri, District 4**

**Felicia Peña, Mayor**

**Jesus Perales, District 8**

**Ricardo Garay, District 3**

**Sandy Ramirez, District 6**

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Maria Solis, District 5**

**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.

**Noe Elias – registered to speak on agenda item 3.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION's REGULAR CALLED MEETING on JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**The minutes from the meeting of JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES' motion, COMMISSIONER DANIELA SILVA's second on a 9 – 0 vote.**

**WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER**

Ivanna Neri, appointed by District 4 City Council Member José “Chito” Vela

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Key Findings and Recommendations from the Small and Minority Business Resources (SMBR)'s Disparity Report.

**The presentation was made by: Edward Campos & Tamela Saldaña.**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. Presentation by representatives from Tesla with discussion and possible action regarding workforce equity, infrastructure needs, community partnerships, and environmental justice.

**The presentation was made by: Walt Gonzalez, Teresa Grant, and Logan Grant.**

**Commissioners will follow up with a list of questions in response to the presentation. Work related to Tesla will be assigned and conducted in the Health Work Group.**

4. Presentation by representatives from Tesla Outreach Community Alliance (TOCA) with discussion and possible action regarding community asks and concerns.

**The presentation was made by: Sergio Castellanos, Maria Emerson, Tessa Comstock, and Elizabeth Mack.**

**WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

5. Health Work Group (Commissioner Garay)

**No action taken.** Follow up with Tesla representatives and TOCA will occur in this work group, along with Chair Afifi and Vice Chair Vigil.

6. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil)

**No action taken.** Chair Afifi reviewed all JIC FY22-23 budget recommendations and levels of proposed funding. Commissioners reviewed documents that included Department responses. The proposed budget includes \$1.25 million for Commission Quality of Life Studies/Reports. Discussion at JIC special called meeting included concerns about which Commissions will be prioritized for these studies, as well as how to streamline and embed this process in regular operations moving forward. Additional funding for immigrant legal services was proposed. Increased pay for Parent Support Specialists may increase based on what the living wage increase will be. Also proposed funding for emergency rental assistance.

7. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis)

**No new updates/No action taken.**

8. Budget and Policy Priorities Work Group (Afifi, Vigil, & Peña, Silva, and Perales)

**No action taken. Update provided under agenda item 6**

9. Education and Youth Mental Health Work Group (Chair Afifi and Vice-Chair Vigil)

**No action taken.** Updates related to the upcoming legislative session – State Legislative sessions ongoing related to banned books and curriculum.

10. Reimagining Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi and Commissioner Peña)

**No action taken. Updates on meeting held with CapMetro representatives to further understand the fare capping programs and seek clarification. Commission is waiting for follow-up from Edna Parra.**

11. Arts and Culture Work Group (Chair Afifi)

**No new updates/No action taken.**

12. Strategic Initiatives and HLQOL Report (Vice-Chair Vigil, Chair Afifi, and Commissioners Garay, Perales, and Solis)

**No action taken. Updates related to proposed funding for quality of life reports in FY22-23 provided under agenda item 6.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

13. Call for items from Commissioners:

**Central Health Presenting Health Equity Plan**

**Austin Public Health on Direct Assistance to Families**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

14. The meeting adjournment at: **8:26pm**

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**\*The minutes were approved at the Commission's REGULAR MEETING on JULY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on COMMISSIONER SHARON VIGIL's motion, COMMISSIONER DULCE CASTAÑEDA's second on a 9 – 0 vote.**