



***Commission for Women***

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

***Wednesday, May 3, 2023***

**The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commission Room-1101  
301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, 78701**

**Chair Melendez called the Commission for Women Meeting to order at 12:21 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*Diana Melendez, Chair*

*Juliana Gonzales*

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

*Rebecca Austen*

*Pam Rattan*

*Julie Glasser*

*Jocelyn Tau*

*Vanessa Bissereth*

*Maria Veloz Salas*

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff in Attendance:**

Tabitha Taylor, Office of Civil Rights

*Vanessa Bissereth- entered the dias at 12:41 pm*

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on April 5, 2023.  
**The minutes from the meeting of (04/05/2023) were approved as noted Commissioner Austen made the motion for approval, Commissioner Glasser seconded on a (6-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth and Rattan were absent from the vote.**

## **DISCUSSION**

2. Welcome: Commissioner Maria Veloz Salas, District 2- Vanessa Fuentes  
**Discussion was held.**
3. Presentation: Sexual Reform Budget, APF Representative  
**Presentation was postponed.**

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Collective Sex Crimes Response Model (CSCRM)  
**Discussion was held and action was taken to form a CSCRM working group in conjunction with Public Safety Commission, the action was moved by Commissioner Austen and seconded by Commissioner Rattan on a (7-0) vote. Commissioner Bissereth was absent for the vote.**  
**Discussion was held and action was taken to appoint Commissioner Gonzales as primary working group representative and Commissioner Salas as a working group member of the CSCRM working group. The motion was moved by Commissioner Austen and seconded by Commissioner Rattan on a (7-0) vote. Commissioner Bissereth was absent for the vote.**
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the draft recommendation for the CSCRM

**Discussion was held and action was taken to approve the draft Collective Sex Crimes Response Model Recommendation. Commissioner Austin made the motion to approval the CSCRM recommendation, Commissioner Rattan seconded on a (7-0) vote. Commissioner Bissereth was absent for the vote.**

6. Election for primary and secondary representatives to the Joint Inclusion Committee

**Discussion was held and action was taken to appoint Commissioner Gonzales as primary representative to the JIC and Commissioner Austen as secondary to the JIC. Commissioner Melendez made the motion to move for approval, Commissioner Rattan seconded on a (6-0) vote. Commissioner Bissereth was absent for the vote.**

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Quality-of-Life Study

Discussion held. No action taken

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Women's Hall of Fame

**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2023-24 Budget

**Discussion was held. No action taken.**

10. Discussion and possible action regarding Working Group membership.

**Discussion was held. No action taken.**

11. Update from Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls.

- a. Priscilla Cortez
- b. Diana Melendez

**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**

12. Update from Working Group on Quality-of-Life Study.

- a. Rebecca Austen
- b. Diana Melendez
- c. Pam Rattan
- d. Jocelyn Tau

**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**

13. Update from Working Group on FY2023-24 Budget.

- a. Rebecca Austen
- b. Vanessa Bissereth
- c. Julie Glasser
- d. Jocelyn Tau

**Discussion was held and action was taken to remove Commissioner Gonzales from the FY2023-24 working group and add Commissioner Glasser, the motion was moved by Chair Melendez and seconded by Commissioner Gonzales on a (7-0) vote. Commissioner Bissereth was absent for the vote.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Elections for Vice- Chair of Commission for Women

Election of representatives to the Collective Sex Crimes Response Model

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Rebecca Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m. without objection.