



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – MINUTES

Monday, February 27, 2023

5:45 p.m. – Adjournment

Austin City Hall, Board & Commission Room, 1101

301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Garry Brown, Chair **P**
Isabel Casas, Vice Chair **V**
Sareta Davis **V**
Malenie Areche **A**
Isaiah Smith **P (6:03 pm)**
Kimberly Brienzi **P**

Jamarr Brown **A**
Kristian Caballero **P**
Idona Griffith **V**
Alicia Weigel **V**
Gabriella Zeidan **A**

P- Present in person
V – Virtual attendance
A – Absent

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Start: 5:28 PM

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Erin Mutschler and with Lauren North – Co-owners of Headspace Salon, spoke to the concerns they are experiencing as business owners due to the homelessness concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Human Rights Commission regular meeting of Jan 23, 2022:
The motion was made by G. Zeidan and seconded by Commission Brienzi; 8-0

STAFF BRIEFINGS- COMPLETED

2. Allow the commission to ask the staff liaison ask questions and possible discuss about term limits

3. Staff liaison to give attendance update and remind the commission about expectations for the March Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS – COMPLETED

4. Presentation by Charles Loosen, Homeless Strategy Division, Austin Public Health and Constable Drew Angus from Travis County to speak about homelessness
5. Continued presentation given from Girls Empowerment and how the Commission can be involved
6. Presentation by Rebecca Lightsey with American Gateways about how the Commission can be involved
7. Discussion from Chair and Vice Chair about their service throughout the years and allow the opportunity for other Commissioners to do the same

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS – COMPLETED

8. Update from Jeremy Garza regarding Quality of Life Studies and possible voting action on voting in new members – **did not discuss**
9. Chair to discuss and possible take action on updating the By-Laws: **The commission passed each page with amendments to each page. Page 1 – motion made by Chair Brown and seconded by Commissioner Griffith; 9-0. Page 2 – motion made by Chair Brown and seconded by Commissioner Davis; 9-0. Page 3 – motion made by Chair Brown and seconded by Commissioner Griffith; 9-0. Page 4 – motion made by Chair Brown and seconded by Commissioner Caballero; 9-0. Page 5 - motion made by Chair Brown and seconded by Commissioner Davis; 9-0. Page 6 – motion made by Chair Brown and seconded by Commissioner Griffith; 9-0.**
10. Discuss, give an update, and possible take action on how HRC will engage in Austin - **did not discuss**
11. Continue discussion with the Commission to consider, and take possible action how to conduct and hold hearings on complaints - **did not discuss**
12. Discussion and vote on new officers for 2023: Chair and Vice Chair: **Commission voted for I. Griffith for Chair and A. Weigel for Vice Chair; 9-0**
13. Opportunity for the Commissioners and City staff to discuss and possible vote on items for the next agenda

Adjourn: 8:37 pm

Motion made by Chair Brown and 2nd by k. Brienzi; passed 9-0

This meeting notes were approved on March 27, 2023. Vice Chair A. Weigel made the motion and G. Brown seconded the motion; 6-0