# LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



# REGULAR MEETING of the LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION MONDAY, November 14, 2022 7:00 P.M.

# City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, Room 1401 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Austin, Texas 78752 MEETING MINUTES

Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, contact Alyssa Parra the Commission's staff liaison, at 512-974-2934, or <u>Alyssa.parra@austintexas.gov</u>.

#### **CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner	Appointment	Commissioner	Appointment
Ryn Gonzales, Chair	Stakeholder	Melissa Taylor	Stakeholder
Kannou Curette, Vice Chair	District 1	Katie Jones	District 8
Christian Vieira	District 2	Nan Dowling	District 9
Dr. Victor Martinez	District 3	Brandon Wollerson	District 10
Darcy Rendon	District 4	Marti Bier	Mayor
Emily Bush	District 5	Charles Curry	Stakeholder
VACANT	District 6	VACANT	Stakeholder
VACANT	District 7		

#### **AGENDA**

#### CALL TO ORDER

By Chair Ryn Gonzales at 7:05pm.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

#### Absent:

- Emily Bush
- Victor Martinez
- Nan Dowling
- Darcy Rendon

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#### Present:

- Ryn Gonzales
- Kannou Curette
- Melissa Taylor
- Charles Curry
- Katelyn Jones
- Marti Bier
- Christian Vieira
- Brandon Wollerson

## **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.

No speakers

## MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

• Motion made by Commissioner Wollerson, seconded by Commissioner Curry. All members present voted in favor; motion approved unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Bier, seconded by Commissioner Vieira to approve the minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on October 10, 2022, as. All members present voted in favor; motion approved unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- 2. Discussion of vacant and future Commission positions.
- 3. Motion made by Taylor, Seconded by Curry to approve the FY23 regular meeting schedule. All members present voted in favor; motion approved unanimously.
- 4. Motion made by Curette, Seconded by Curry for January 28<sup>th</sup> yearly retreat date. Commissioners Gonzales, Curette, Curry, Jones, Vieira, and Wollerson in favor, Commissioner Bier against, motion passes. Discussion on agenda items including overall strategy, QOL study, budget, and working groups.
- 5. Motion made by Curry, seconded by Wollerson, to create workgroup on Housing whose purpose is the report on the availability of affordable housing and the lived experiences of LGBTQ community in affordable housing, established through 9/30/23 when final report is due to the commission. Including authorization for those workgroup members, Curry, Curette, Vieira to speak on behalf of the Commission to other commission workgroups and the JIC. All members present voted in favor, motioned passed unanimously,
- 6. Discussion on increasing the participation of the LGBTQ community in the JIC January town hall.
- 7. Discussion of problems in the Police Oversight, Civil Rights, and Equity Offices.

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- 8. Discussion and possible action of the JIC budget work session tabled to next meeting.
- 9. Discussion of meeting with Jason Alexander regarding the LGBTQ Community Liaison position in the City Manager's Office tabled until next meeting.
- 10. Discussion of the Joint Inclusion Committee's Q&A document regarding working groups from the City Clerk's Office tabled until next meeting.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Working group for new commission members

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Wollerson, motion passed unanimously. Chair adjourned at 8:18pm

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The minutes were approved at the January 9th meeting on Commissioner Wollerson's motion, Chair Gonzales second on a unanimous vote.