



**REGULAR MEETING of the LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monday, February 13, 2023
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 Alyssa.parra@austintexas.gov.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Appointment</i>
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 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Absent:

- Nan Dowling
- Marti Bier

Present:

- Ryn Gonzales

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- Kannou Curette
- Emily Bush
- Charles Curry
- Katelyn Jones
- Victor Martinez
- Darcy Rendon
- Christian Vieira
- Brandon Wollerson
- Melissa Taylor

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.

- Rebecca Lightsey- American Gateways Funding

MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on January 28, 2023, as. All members present voted in favor; the motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Discussion of annual commission goals, strategies, and projects and how they align with City of Austin strategic direction, including the Overview of the Quality Life Study, top three priorities from QoL Study, SoGi data collection, housing & affordability, addressing the City's framing of equity, framework strategy grid brainstorming and Q&A.
 - a. Lead for Housing Vice Chair Curette.
 - b. Lead for Budget is Commissioner Gonzales.
 - c. Lead for SoGi Data is commissioner Wollerson.
3. Discussion of SoGi data recommendation.
4. Discussion of COA budget recommendations.
 - a. Increase mental health funding.
 - b. Emergency rental assistance
 - c. Affordable housing recipients' unmet assistance gap
 - d. Housing blueprint change to 20-40% MFI
 - e. Increasing the stock of rental housing by controlling the STR market

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- f. Education program to increase awareness of housing programs.
 - g. Rental rights & Housing Survey
- 5. The roll call vote to reappoint at-large members Commissioners, Curry, Gonzales, and Taylor passed unanimously.
- 6. Discussion on affordable housing in the city and strategizing recommendations for city leaders on action that must be taken.
- 7. Discussion and possible action on "how to commission" guidebook/orientation.
- 8. Creation of a working group to orient new commissioners on how we represent our communities, until September 30, 2023, when a power point and any supporting documents to be used during an orientation session are due also giving commissioners with the ability to speak on this topic on behalf of this commission with member Commissioners Jones, Martinez, and Viera. Passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 9. Discussion and possible action on budget recommendations
- 10. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to support trans and non-binary inclusive uniforms for COA lifeguards.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned at 8:22 pm with no objections.

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The minutes were approved at the March 13th meeting on Chair Gonzales motion, Commissioner Curry's second on a unanimous vote.