



JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th, 2023

The JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE convened in a REGULAR meeting on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th, 2023, at AUSTIN CITY HALL - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM, 301 W. 2ND STREET in AUSTIN, TEXAS.**

Chair CHARLES CURRY called the JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING to order at 3:05 pm CST.

Commissioners in Attendance:

LGBTQ+ Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Charles Curry (Chair)

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

African American Resource Advisory Commission: Serita Fontanesi

Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission: Vincent Cobalis

Commission for Women: Rebecca Austen

Commission on Aging: Amy Temperley

Early Childhood Council: Leonor Vargas

Hispanic/Latino Quality-of Life-Resource Advisory Commission: Amanda Afifi

Human Rights Commission: Kimberly Brienzi

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities: Jennifer Powell

Commissioners Absent:

Commission on Immigrant Affairs: Juan Vences-Benitez & Krystal Gomez

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.

NONE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMITTEE's SPECIAL CALLED MEETING on the BUDGET on March 29th, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of MARCH 29th, 2023, were approved on COMMISSIONER AMY TEMPERLEY's motion, COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY BRIENZI's second on a 8 – 0 vote. (Off the Dais: African American Resource Advisory Commission. Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs)

STAFF BRIEFING

2. Staff Presentation: Project Connect & the Austin Transportation Partnership (ATP) – Nan Dowling

The presentation was made by: Yannis Banks, Larsen Andres & Alvin Lingingstone

Soliciting commissioner and community feedback at input@atptx.org

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the FY23-25 Budget Recommendation on Hungry Hill Homeless, submitted by the African American Resource Advisory Commission

The motion to approve *the FY23-24 Budget Recommendations (under the JIC's Affordability Priority) on Hungry Hill Homeless* was approved on COMMISSIONER SERITA FONTANESI's motion, COMMISSIONER AMANDA AFIFI's second on a 6 – 2 – 0 vote. (Abstained: Mayor's Committee for People w/ Disabilities, Jennifer Powell & Early Childhood Council, Leonor Vargas. Off the Dais: Human Rights Commission, Kimberly Brienzi. Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs)

4. Discussion and possible action to approve the FY23-24 Budget Recommendation on Black Literature Investment, submitted by the African American Resource Advisory Commission

The motion to approve *the FY23-24 Budget Recommendations on Black Literature Investment* was approved on COMMISSIONER AMY TEMPERLEY's motion, COMMISSIONER SERITA FONTANESI's second on an 8 – 0 vote. (Of the Dais: Human Rights Commission. Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs)

5. Discussion and possible action on the elections to appoint a new Chair/Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The motion to nominate and confirm *COMMISSIONER AMANDA AFIFI as Chair of the Joint Inclusion Committee* was approved on COMMISSIONER REBECCA AUSTEN's motion, COMMISSIONER VINCENT COBALIS's second on a 9 – 0 vote. (Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs)

The motion to confirm *COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY BRIENZI's self-nomination as Vice-Chair of the Joint Inclusion Committee* was approved on COMMISSIONER JENNIFER POWELL's motion, COMMISSIONER AMY TEMPERLEY's second on a 9 – 0 vote. (Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs)

6. Discussion to review currently existing workgroups and possible action on establishing new workgroups or altering membership of any old working groups of the JIC; including the request by Dillon Lowery to step down from the Housing Workgroup.

Budget Workgroup: No action taken.

Quality-of-Life Study Workgroup: No Action Taken

Housing Workgroup: The motion to remove *Dillon Lowery from the JIC's Housing Workgroup* was approved on COMMISSIONER AMY TEMPERLEY's motion, COMMISSIONER CHARLES CURRY's second on an 8 – 0 vote. (Off the Dais: Human Rights Commission. Absent: Commission on Immigrant Affairs)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. Call for items from Committee Members:

Staff presentation on Community Health Workers from Austin Public Health.

ADJOURNMENT:

8. The meeting adjourned at: **4:28pm**

The motion to *adjourn the meeting* was approved on COMMISSIONER VINCENT COBALIS's motion, COMMISSIONER JENNIFER POWELL's second on an 8 – 0 vote.

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For more information on the **Joint Inclusion Committee**, please contact Jeremy Garza via phone at (512) 987-1797 or (preferably) via email at jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov.

***The minutes were approved at the Joint Inclusion Committee's regular meeting on JUNE 29th, 2023, on COMMISSIONER REBECCA AUSTEN's motion, COMMISSIONER HANNA HUANG's second on a 6 – 0 vote. (Off the Dais: LGBTQ Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission. Absent: Early Childhood Council, Leonor Vargas/Eliza Gordan AND the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, Jennifer Powell & Elizabeth Meyer.**