



**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

*Monday, March 27, 2023*

The Economic Prosperity Commission convened in a Special Called meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hitchingham called the Economic Prosperity Commission to order at 6:40 p.m.

- Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Chair Kelsey Hitchingham (10), Michael Nahas (4)
- Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Shayna Brown (M), Ryan Kurtz (9), Christiana Ponder (1), Benjamin Salazar (2)
- Absent: Theresa Bastian (8), Ben Brenneman (5), Amy Noel (7), William Townsend (6)
- Vacancy: District 3

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**None present.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Economic Prosperity Commission February 15, 2023 meeting.  
**This item was postponed.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Speaker from Economic Development Department to discuss Strategic Direction:

**Sabine Romero, Global Business Expansion Division Manager, Economic Development Department made the presentation.**

3. Discuss and vote for new Chair and Vice Chair

**The motion to approve HITCHINGHAM FOR CHAIR was approved on BOARD MEMBER NAHAS's motion, BOARD MEMBER KURTZ second on a 6-0 vote. BASTIAN, BRENNEMAN, NOEL AND TOWNSEND absent.**

**The motion to approve NAHAS FOR VICE CHAIR was approved on BOARD MEMBER HITCHINGHAM's motion, BOARD MEMBER BROWN second on a 6-0 vote. BASTIAN, BRENNEMAN, NOEL AND TOWNSEND absent.**

4. Working group reports and possible action

**The EPC tabled the motion on the Budget Working Group's WAGES MUST ACCOUNT FOR RENT INCREASES RESOLUTION.**

**The motion to approve the Budget Working Group's RENTERS TREATED EQUALLY RESOLUTION recommendation, as amended, passed on BOARD MEMBER KURTZ's motion, BOARD MEMBER NAHAS second, on a 6-0 vote. BASTIAN, BRENNEMAN, NOEL AND TOWNSEND absent.**

**The motion to approve the Budget Working Group's FINANCIAL RESILIENCY RESOLUTION recommendation, as amended, passed on BOARD MEMBER NAHAS's motion, BOARD MEMBER KURTZ second, on a 6-0 vote. BASTIAN, BRENNEMAN, NOEL AND TOWNSEND absent.**

5. Working group report

**This item was postponed.**

6. Intercommission Working Group Report

**This item was postponed.**

7. Joint Sustainability Commission Member Report

**CHAIR HITCHINGHAM made the presentation.**

8. Reproductive Health Working Group

**CHAIR HITCHINGHAM made the presentation.**

9. Creation of new working groups and discussion of their 2023 agendas

**This item was postponed.**

10. Basic Needs

**This item was postponed.**

- 11. Education

**This item was postponed.**

- 12. Jobs

**This item was postponed.**

- 13. Income

**This item was postponed.**

- 14. Future Needs

**This item was postponed.**

**Chair HITCHINGHAM adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m. without objection.**

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