



**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.

The minutes were approved at the July 19, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Coronado's motion, Commissioner Salazar's second on an 6-0 vote.