



**REGULAR MEETING of the
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
AUGUST 22nd, 2023 at 5:30pm
CITY HALL – BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM
301 W 2ND STREET, AUSTIN, TX 78701
MEETING AGENDA**

This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, and some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or via telephone. Remote speakers must register in advance (August 21st by 12pm-Noon). All public comments will occur at the beginning of the meeting and public speakers will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. To speak or attend remotely, residents must contact the Equity Office's Business Process Consultant, Jeremy Garza, no later than 12pm-noon on Tuesday, August 21st, 2023. Please telephone call & leave a voicemail at (512) 978-1797 or email jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov. The information required is the speaker's name, the item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address, and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

BOARD MEMBERS:

District	Commissioner	District	Commissioner
1	Daniela Silva	7	Sharon Vigil (Vice-Chair)
2	Amanda Afifi (Chair)	8	Jesus Perales
3	Vanessa Maldonado	9	Leonor Vargas
4	Ivanna Neri	10	Dulce Castañeda
5	VACANT	Mayor	Eliza May
6	VACANT		

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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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION’S SPECIAL CALLED MEETING on August 2nd, 2023.

STAFF BRIEFING

2. Staff Briefing from Austin Transportation on “Our Future I-35 Austin Cap & Stitch Program” presented by Shannon Riley, Lauren Ramirez, Susan Daniels & Michelle Marx
3. Staff Briefing from the Economic Development Department (EDD) regarding the Elevate program and the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) for cultural & arts funding since the pandemic, presented by Meghan Wells, Laura Odegaard, and Synovia Holt Rabb.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation to City Council to increase funding for respite beds across Austin and to address the health impacts of the homeless camp sweeps.
5. Discussion on the Elevate program at EDD with possible action to recommend to city council to improve the program, including language access and outreach to Spanish speaking communities.
6. Discussion regarding the Interim City Manager’s Proposed Budget for FY23-24, with possible action to approve a recommendation to city council to postpone the impending changes to the Equity Office, Civil Rights Office, Small & Minority Business Resources, Office of Suitability, and Resilience Office.
7. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council that requests a cost-of-living increase for all early childhood contracts. (Follow-up action item from the June 27th, 2023 regular meeting and presentation from Austin-Travis County Ready Families Collaborative.)

8. Discussion on the 2024 Boards & Commissions Report on the departmental responses to B&C budget recommendation, including potential action to authorize additional commissioners to attend the Budget Workshop with department leadership hosted on Saturday, September 9th, 2023.
9. Review and discuss the scope of all current working groups and possible action to update membership.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Discussion on the 2022-2023 Annual Report, authored by Chair Afifi

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

11. Budget & Policy Priorities Workgroup – updates from the last workgroup meeting on issues related to the FY23-24 and policy matters pertaining to their assignment (Budget & Policy Priorities Workgroup Members: *Commissioners Amanda Afifi, Sharon Vigil, Jesus Perales, Dulce Castañeda, and Leonor Vargas*).
12. Language Access Workgroup – Updates on the newly formed workgroup on issues pertaining to their assignment (Language Access Workgroup Members: *Amanda Afifi, Dulce Castaneda, Vanessa Maldonado, Daniela Silva, & Hector Ordaz*)
13. Public Safety & Immigrant Affairs Workgroup – Updates from the workgroup on issues pertaining to their assignment (Public Safety & Immigrant Affairs Workgroup Members: *Dulce Castaneda, Leonor Vargas, & Sharon Vigil*).
14. Quality-of-Life Studies Workgroup – related to planning for Quality-of-Life study process and collaboration with other commissions (QoL Study Workgroup Members: *Amanda Afifi, Sharon Vigil, & Jesus Perales*)
15. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) – General update and discussion on the coalition building work of the Committee. (JIC Primary & Alternate Representatives: *Amanda Afifi & Ivanna Neri*)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission, please contact the Equity Office's Business Process Consultant, Jeremy Garza, by phone at (512) 978-1797, or (preferably) via email at jeremy.garza@austintexas.gov.