



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2023

5:30 p.m. – Adjournment

Austin City Hall, Board & Commission Room, 1101

301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Some members of the Human Rights Commission may be participating by videoconference. Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may speak up to three minutes on an item only once either in-person or remotely. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation. To register, call or email the board liaison at 512-974-3253 or Damian.Pantoja@austintexas.gov

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Idona Griffith, Chair (She/Her)

Alicia Weigel, Vice Chair (She/They)

Lorraine M. Garcia

Gabriella Zeidan

Michael Stevenson

Muneeb ‘Meebs’ Aslam (He/Him)

Morgan Davis (He/Him)

Mariana Krueger (She/Her)

Kolby Duhon (He/They)

Vacant – D5

Vacant – D6

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Human Rights Commission regular meeting of June 26, 2023
2. Approve the minutes of the Human Rights Commission regular meeting of July 24, 2023

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. Emi Johnson to provide an update on HRC-23-004 Kafka v Starbucks
4. A training session led by the City of Austin Law Department on Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Discussion on the homelessness initiatives addressing cooling centers and other provisions day sheltering during extreme heat conditions.
6. Presentation by Jeremy Garza explaining the duties and functions of the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC).
7. Presentation and discussion by Jeremy Garza explaining the Budget Workshop on Saturday, September 9, 2023

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Recommendation to Austin City Council to take action and make available to the public a comprehensive budget presentation that outlines the allocation of funds aimed address homelessness in Austin. (Aslam)
9. Recommendation to Austin City Council to condemn, in the strongest terms, the inhumane activities of Operation Lone Star as initiated by Governor Abbott at the Texas board. (Chair Griffith).
10. Recommendation to Austin City Council about the State prison conditions around the provision of air-conditioned spaces (Aslam)
11. Discussion and possible action to appoint representative(s) to the Joint Inclusion

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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