



Commission for Women

REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

**The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commission Room-1101
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 78701**

Chair Melendez called the Commission for Women Meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Diana Melendez, Chair

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Rebecca Austen

Vanessa Bissereth

Julie Glasser

Pam Rattan

Maria Veloz Salas

Josephine Serrata

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Becky Bullard

Jocelyn Tau

Neva Fernandez

Staff in Attendance:

Tabitha Taylor, Office of Civil Rights

Dr. Tamela Saldana, Office of Civil Rights

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Jelina Tunstall, Community Advancement Network

Ms. Tunstall provided an programmatic overview of the organization.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on June 7, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting of (06/07/2023) were approved as noted, Commissioner Austen made the motion for approval, Commissioner Rattan seconded on a (7-0) vote. Commissioners Bullard, Fernandez and Tau were absent from the meeting.

DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Election for primary representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee
Action was taken to appoint Commissioner Glasser as the primary representative of the JIC. The motion to appoint Commission Glasser as the primary representative of the JIC was moved by Commissioner Austen and seconded by Commissioner Rattan on a (7-0) vote.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Annual Internal Review and Report
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of University of Texas for the Quality-of-Life Study
Action was taken to select University of Texas- Dell Medical School, Division of Community Engagement & Health Equity as the vendors for the Quality-of-Life Study. The motion was moved by Commissioner Glasser and seconded by Commission Rattan on a (6-0) vote. Commissioner Serrata abstained from vote.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding Quality-of-Life Study
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Women's Hall of Fame
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2023-24 Budget
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding Working Group membership

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Update from Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

10. Update from Working Group on Quality-of-Life Study.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

11. Update from Working Group on FY2023-24 Budget.

Discussion was held and no action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Create a volunteer committee for the Women Hall of Fame Initiative

Collective Sex Crime

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Diana Melendez adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m. without objection.

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For more information on the Commission for Women, please contact Jacquelyn Alexander at the Office of Civil Rights, at (512) 978-1572 or Jacquelyn.Alexander@austintexas.gov.

The minutes from the meeting were approved at the August 15, 2023, meeting on Commissioner's Bullard motion, Commissioner Austen seconded on a (7-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereeth, Fernandez, and Serrata were absent from the vote.