



REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 16, 2023

The Economic Prosperity Commission convened in a Regular Called meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hitchingham called the Economic Prosperity Commission to order at 6:49pm.

- Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance in Person: Chair Kelsey Hitchingham (10)
- Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Jessica Coronado (3); Tina Cannon (9), Michael Nahas (4), Christiana Ponder (1), Benjamin Salazar (2)
- Absent: Ben Brenneman (5), William S. Townsend (6), Amy Noel (7)
- Absent Excused: Laura Dixon (Mayor)
- Vacancy: District 8
- Staff in Attendance: Sabine Romero, Economic Development

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Raul Alvarez spoke on the Community Advancement Network

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Economic Prosperity Commission meeting on July 19, 2023.

The motion to approve the July 19 meeting minutes was approved on Commissioner Cannon's motion and Commissioner Ponder's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Brenneman, Townsend, Noel and Dixon were absent.

DISCUSSION

2. Presentation by Megan Robinson on city's workforce development efforts

Megan Robinson presented on the city's workforce development efforts

3. Discussion of online city resources available to Economic Prosperity Commission members to understand city processes and functions

Chair Hitchingham provided an overview to resources available to Economic Prosperity Commission members to understand city processes and functions

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Discussion and possible action on creating Jobs, Procurement, Infrastructure, and Basic Needs working groups

Chair Hitchingham led discussion on creating Jobs, Procurement, Infrastructure, and Basic Needs working groups. Members Salazar, Coronado and Nahas are on Jobs; Hitchingham and Ponder on Procurement; Cannon, Nahas and Hitchingham on Infrastructure.

5. Discussion and possible action on recommendation to Council regarding ability for Board and Commission members to communicate via alternative platforms such as Slack (Vice Chair Nahas)

Vice Chair Nahas presented his proposed recommendation to Council to allow Board and Commission members to communicate via alternative platforms such as Slack. The board discussed and decided on continued research.

6. Discussion and possible action on recommendation against condensing Equity, Sustainability and Resilience Offices into one Department (Commissioner Noel)

Not discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items will include an invitation to Raul Alvarez to speak on the Community Advancement Network

Boardmember CANNON moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:10 without objection.

These minutes were approved at the September 20, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Cannon's motion and Commissioner Nahas's second on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioner Dixon abstaining.