



Commission for Women

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

**The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commission Room-1101
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 78701**

Commissioner Tau called the Commission for Women Meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Jocelyn Tau, Vice Chair

Becky Bullard

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Diana Melendez, Chair

Rebecca Austen

Julie Glasser

Pam Rattan

Maria Veloz Salas

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Neva Fernandez

Vanessa Bissereth

Josephine Serrata

Staff in Attendance:

Tabitha Taylor, Office of Civil Rights

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on June 7, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting of (07/12/2023) were approved as noted, Commissioner Bullard made the motion for approval, Commissioner Austen seconded on a (7-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth, Fernandez and Serrata were absent from the meeting.

DISCUSSION

2. Discussion regarding Working Group Membership and Vacancies
Discussion was held.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

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 recommendation to council to support Funding for Victim Services Counselor
Discussion was held. Action was taken regarding recommendation to council to support Funding for Victim Services Counselor. The vote to support Funding for Victim Services Counselor was moved by Commissioner Austin and seconded by Commissioner Rattan on a (7-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth, Fernandez and Serrata were absent from the meeting.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the request for a Collective Sex Crimes Response Model (CSCRM) Project Presentation
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding next steps for Quality-of-Life Study
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding developing a Women's Hall of Fame Volunteer Committee
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2023-24 Budget
Discussion was held. No action was taken.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Update from Working Group on Joint Inclusion Committee
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
10. Update from Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls.
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
11. Update from Working Group on Quality-of-Life Study.
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
12. Update from Working Group on FY2023-24 Budget.
Discussion was held and no action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update from Joint Working Group on Collective Sex Response Model(CSCRM) Project

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Jocelyn Tau adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m. without objection.

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The minutes from the meeting were approved at the September 6th, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Glasser's motion, Commissioner Rattan seconded on a (6-0) vote. Commissioners Austen, Salas, Fernandez, and Tau were absent from the vote.