



Commission for Women

REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

**The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 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 12:11 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Diana Melendez, Chair

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Rebecca Austen

Neva Fernandez

Pam Rattan

Maria Veloz Salas

Josephine Serrata

Jocelyn Tau

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Vanessa Bissereth

Becky Bullard

Julie Glasser

Staff in Attendance:

Jacquelyn Alexander, Office of Civil Rights

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on May 3, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting of (05/03/2023) were approved as noted Chair Melendez made the motion for approval, Commissioner Rattan seconded on a (7-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth, Bullard and Glasser were absent from the vote.

DISCUSSION

2. Welcome: Commissioner Becky Bullard, District 9-Qadri, Zohaib
Discussion was not held.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Election for Commission for Women Vice-Chair
Discussion was held and action was taken to appoint Commissioner Jocelyn Tau as the Vice-Chair to the Commission for Women. Commissioner Rattan made the motion to move for approval, Commissioner Austen seconded on a (7-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth, Bullard and Glasser were absent from the vote.
4. Election for primary representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee
Discussion was held and no action was taken.
5. Election of representatives to the Collective Sex Crimes Response Model Joint Working Group
Discussion was held and action was taken to appoint Commissioner Neva Fernandez and Rebecca Austen as Representatives to the Collective Sex Crimes Response Model Joint Working Group. Chair Melendez made the motion to appoint Commissioner Fernandez to move for approval, Commissioner Salas seconded on a (7-0) vote. Chair Melendez made the motion to appoint Commissioner Austen to move for approval, Commissioner Rattan seconded on a (7-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth, Bullard and Glasser were absent from the vote.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding Collective Sex Crimes Response Model (CSCRM)

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Quality-of-Life Study

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Women's Hall of Fame

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2023-24 Budget

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding Working Group membership

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

Discussion was held and no action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Election for primary representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee

Discussion and possible action regarding the Women's Hall of Fame

Family Balance Unit at Austin Police Department

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Diana Melendez adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m. without objection.

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The minutes from the meeting were approved at the July 12th, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Austen's motion, Commissioner Rattan seconded on a (7-0) vote. Commissioners Bullard, Fernandez and Tau were absent from the meeting.