



MINUTES
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 24, 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

COMMISSIONERS IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Idona Griffith, Chair (She/Her); Lorraine M. Garcia; Muneeb ‘Meebs’ Aslam (He/Him); Morgan Davis (He/Him); Kolby Duhon (He/They)

COMMISSIONERS VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Zeidan, Michael Stevenson, Muneeb ‘Meebs’ Aslam (He/Him)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Alicia Weigel, Vice Chair (She/They)

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Damian Pantoja, Office of Civil Rights; Tamela Saldana, Office of Civil Rights; Emi Johnson, Office of Civil Rights; Jeremy Garza, Equity Office

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

START: 5:32 PM

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Moved to August Regular Meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS – COMPLETED

2. Presentation from and possible discussion Susan Engelking regarding the Tiny Transit: The Tipping Point.
3. Discussion about the Homelessness Community and the Heat advisory and how the Human Rights Commission can collaborate with stakeholders to address concern. This item was brought forward by K. Brienzi.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS – COMPLETED

4. Recommendation to Austin City Council to condemn the Texas Legislature's attack on educational freedoms. This item was brought forward by M. Aslam.

K. Duhon made the motion; M. Aslam second the motion. 7 – 0; M. Stevenson had technology issues; Vice Chair A. Weigel was absent

5. Recommendation to Austin City Council regarding the Joint Policing. This it was brought forward by K. Duhon.

Item no discussed and no longer will be moving forward

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A training session from the City of Austin staff on Texas Opens Meeting Act (TOMA)
- Discuss Homelessness initiatives addressing cooling centers and other provisions for day sheltering resources.
- Board Crisis Statement related to deterring passage to the US.
- Discuss prison conditions primarily around the provision of air-conditioned spaces

- Discussion and possible action to appointment representative(s) for the Joint Inclusion Committee

ADJOURNMENT

END: 5:59 PM

Motion made by M. Aslam and second by L. Garcia; 7 – 0; M. Stevenson had technology issues; Vice Chair A. Weigel was absent

The minutes were approved at the August 28, 2023 meeting on Commissioner D. Duhon's motion, Commissioner M. Davis second on a (7-0) vote.