



## **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Regular Meeting**

**Monday, August 28, 2023**

**5:30 p.m. – Adjournment**

**Austin City Hall, Board & Commission Room, 1101**

**301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

#### **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); Alicia Weigel, Vice Chair (She/They); Muneeb ‘Meebs’ Aslam (He/Him); Morgan Davis (He/Him); Kolby Duhon (He/They)

#### **COMMISSIONERS VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE**

Gabriella Zeidan, Lorraine M. Garcia; Mariana Krueger (She/Her) (5:43 pm arrival)

#### **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Michael Stevenson

### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

START: 5:31 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 September Regular Meeting**
2. Approve the minutes of the Human Rights Commission regular meeting of July 24, 2023  
**Motion passed 7-0; Commissioner Aslam made the motion, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.**

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS – COMPLETED**

3. Emi Johnson to provide an update on HRC-23-004 Kafka v Starbucks
4. A training session led by the City of Austin Law Department on Texas Open Meeting Act (TOMA)

**Moved to September Regular Meeting**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – COMPLETED**

5. Discussion on the homelessness initiatives addressing cooling centers and other provisions day sheltering during extreme heat conditions.
6. Presentation by Jeremy Garza explaining the duties and functions of the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC).
7. Presentation and discussion by Jeremy Garza explaining the Budget Workshop on Saturday, September 9, 2023

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS - COMPLETED**

8. Recommendation to Austin City Council to take action and make available to the public a comprehensive budget presentation that outlines the allocation of funds aimed address homelessness in Austin. (Aslam)

**Recommendation passed 8 - 0; Commissioner Duhan made the motion, Vice Chair Weigel seconded the motion.**

9. Recommendation to Austin City Council to condemn, in the strongest terms, the inhumane activities of Operation Lone Star as initiated by Governor Abbott at the Texas board. (Chair Griffith).

**Recommendation passed as amended 7 – 0; Vice Chair Weigel made the motion, Commissioner Krueger seconded the motion. Commissioner Zeidan off dais.**

10. Recommendation to Austin City Council about the State prison conditions around the provision of air-conditioned spaces (Aslam)

**Recommendation passed 8 – 0, Commissioner Aslam made the motion, Chair Griffith seconded the motion.**

11. Discussion and possible action to appoint representative(s) to the Joint Inclusion Committee

**Motion passed 8 – 0 as Commissioner Davis 1<sup>st</sup> appointed representative; Commissioner Duhan made the motion, Vice Chair Weigel seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed 8 – 0 as Commissioner Aslam alternative appointed representative; Commissioner Aslam made the motion, Vice Chair Weigel seconded the motion.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**None**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**END: 6:16 PM**

**Commissioner Duhon made the motion, Commissioner Aslam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The minutes were approved at the October 23, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Duhon's motion, Commissioner Krueger second on a 10 – 0 vote.**