

# MINUTES <u>HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION</u> Regular Meeting Monday, June 26, 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 <u>Damian.Pantoja@austintexas.gov</u>

## **CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

P - Idona Griffith, Chair (She/Her/Hers)
P - Alicia Weigel, Vice Chair (She/They)
V- Lorraine M. Garcia
P - Gabriella Zeidan
V - Michael Stevenson
V - Muneeb 'Meebs' Aslam (He/Him)

P: In – person attendance V: Virtual attendance A: Absent V - Kimberly Brienzi (**Offline: 6:22 PM**) P - Morgan Davis (He/Him) V- Mariana Krueger (She/Her) P - Kolby Duhon (He/They) Vacant D5

<u>Staff in attendance:</u> Damian Pantoja Emi Johnson Tamela Saldana

# AGENDA

# CALL TO ORDER

**START:** 5:33 PM

# **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL – COMPLETED**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

# K. Duhon made the motion, M. Davis seconded the motion; 9 - 0; M. Aslam could not vote due to technology

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS** – COMPLETED

#### Chair Griffith welcomed the new commissioners:

L. Garcia M. Stevenson

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – COMPLETED

2. Presentation from Downtown Austin Community Court regarding homelessness and the LGBTQIA+ community

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TIEMS** - COMPLETED

3. Discussion about the Homelessness Community and the Heat advisory and possible action on how the Commission can collaborate with stakeholders to address concern

#### Moved to July

4. Recommendation to Austin City Council on erecting a historical marker on 4<sup>th</sup> and Colorado to commemorate the LGBTQI+ district and celebrate the progress made to expand the rights of *all* Texans.

# K. Duhon made the motion, Vice Chair A. Weigel seconded the motion; passed 9-0 K. Brienzi was off the dais.

5. Recommendation to Austin City Council to condemn the Texas Legislature's attack on educational freedoms.

#### Moved to July

6. Discuss, give an update, and possible take action on how HRC will engage in Austin

Items discussed and acted on under item 6 are invalidated as the items were not properly posted on the agenda. *City of Austin Law Department on November 20, 2023.* 

#### ADJOURNMENT

END: 7:47 PM

K. Duhon made the motion, Vice Chair A. Weigel seconded the motion; passed 8-0 K. Brienzi was off the dais. M. Aslam could not vote due to technology.

The minutes were approved at the November 27, 2023 meeting on Commissioner L. Garcia's motion, Commission J. Clemmons second on an (8-0) vote.