



Commission for Women

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 6th, 2023, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commission Room-1101 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 78701

Vice-Chair Tau called the Commission for Women Meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Jocelyn Tau, Vice Chair

Katrina Scheihing

Angela Harris

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Becky Bullard

Julie Glasser

Vanessa Bissereth

Rebecca Austen

Diana Melendez, Chair

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Pam Rattan

Josephine Serrata

Maria Veloz Salas

Staff in Attendance:

Tabitha Taylor, Office of Civil Rights

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on November 1st, 2023.
The minutes from the meeting were approved at the December 6th, 2023, meeting on Commissioner's Scheihing motion, Commissioner Bullard seconded on an (8-0) vote. Commissioners Salas, Serrata, and Rattan absent were from the meeting.

DISCUSSION

2. Welcome Commissioner Angela Harris, District 8
Discussion was held.
3. Welcome Commission for Women Liaison, Christi Vitela
Discussion was held.
4. Discussion regarding Joint Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes and Updates
Discussion was held.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and possible action to approve Women's Hall of Fame Recognition Plan
Discussion was held.
6. Discussion and possible action to reestablish and appoint Commissioners to FY2024 Women's Working Groups
Action was taken to reestablish the FY 2023-24 working group to the FY2024-25 Budget Working Group, the vote was motioned by Commissioner Austen, and seconded by Commissioner Tau on an (7-0) vote. Commissioner Glasser was absent from the vote. Commissioners Salas, Serrata, and Rattan absent were from the meeting.
Action was taken to appoint Commissioners, Tau, Harris and Bullard to the FY2024-25 Budget Working Group, the motion was led by Commissioner Tau and seconded by Commissioner Scheihing on an (8-0) vote. Commissioners Salas, Serrata, and Rattan absent were from the meeting.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

7. Update from Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls.
Discussion was held.
8. Update from Working Group on Quality-of-Life Study
Discussion was held.
9. Update from Working Group on FY2023-24 Budget
Discussion was held.
10. Update from Working Group on Joint Collective Sex Crime Response Model (CSCRM) Project
Discussion was held.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Presentation from the Ann Richard School for Girls

Review the Commission for Women's Charter

Examine city policies related to abortion regulations when the fetus has abnormalities.

Identify a speaker to discuss how climate change impacts women and girls

ADJOURNMENT

Vice -Chair Tau adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m. without objection.

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