



***Commission for Women***

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

***Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

**The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commission Room-1101 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.  
**The minutes from the meeting were approved at the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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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