



Commission for Women

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 7th, 2024, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commission Room-1101 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 78701

Chair Melendez called the Commission for Women Meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Diana Melendez, Chair

Becky Bullard

Katrina Scheihing

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Jocelyn Tau, Vice Chair

Rebecca Austen

Angela Harris

Pam Rattan

Josephine Serrata

Maria Veloz Salas

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Julie Glasser

Vanessa Bissereth

Staff in Attendance:

Tabitha Taylor, Office of Civil Rights

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Public Communication was shared for agenda items five and seven.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on January 10th, 2024.
The minutes from the meeting were approved at the February 7th, 2024, meeting on Commissioner's Bullard motion, Commissioner Scheihing seconded on an (9-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth and Glasser were absent from the meeting.

DISCUSSION

2. Discussion and updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) January 24th, 2024 meeting: Alejandra Mireles, Community Services Program Coordinator, City of Austin's Equity Office

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Women's Hall of Fame Recognition Plan
Discussion was held.
4. Discussion and possible action to update the Commission for Women's Charter
Discussion and vote were held to update the Commission for Women's Charter. The motion was led by Commissioner Salas and seconded by Commissioner Bullard (8-0). Commissioner Serrata was absent from the vote. Commissioners Bissereth and Glasser were absent from the meeting.
5. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution of the City of Austin Commission for Women in support of the Human Rights Commission Recommendation on Combating Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Anti-Arab Sentiments in the City of Austin and Calls for a Ceasefire (Recommendation Number: 20240116-001)
Discussion and vote were held to approve the Recommendation Number: 20240116-001. The motion was led by Commissioner Melendez and seconded by Commissioner Bullard (7-2). Those voting aye were: Commissioners Melendez, Bullard, Scheihing, Tau, Harris, Salas and Serrata. Those voting nay were Commissioner Austen and Rattan. Commissioners Bissereth and Glasser were absent from the meeting.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

6. Update from Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls.
Discussion was held.
7. Update from Working Group on Quality-of-Life Study
Discussion was held.
8. Update from Working Group on FY2025-24 Budget
Discussion was held.

9. Update from Working Group on Joint Collective Sex Crime Response Model (CSCRM) Project
Discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Melendez adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m. without objection.

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The minutes from the meeting were approved at the March 6th, 2024 meeting on Commissioner Scheihing's motion and seconded by Commission Austen (6-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth, Bullard, Salas and Serrata, were absent from the meeting.