



***Commission for Women***

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

***Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

**The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commission Room-1101 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, 78701**

**Chair Melendez called the Commission for Women Meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*Diana Melendez, Chair*

*Katrina Scheihing*

*Rebecca Austen*

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

*Jocelyn Tau, Vice Chair*

*Angela Harris*

*Julie Glasser*

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**

*Vanessa Bissereth*

*Becky Bullard*

*Pam Rattan*

*Josephine Serrata*

*Maria Veloz Salas*

**Staff in Attendance:**

Tabitha Taylor, Office of Civil Rights

Christi Vitela , City Clerk's Office

Alejandra Mireles, City of Austin, Equity Office

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**Public Communication was shared for agenda Item 4**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission for Women regular meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
**The minutes from the meeting were approved at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on Commissioner Scheihing's motion and seconded by Commission Austen (6-0) vote. Commissioners Bissereth, Bullard, Rattan, Salas and Serrata, were absent from the meeting.**

## **DISCUSSION**

2. Presentation: Accessibility and Affordable Childcare, Catherine Mchorse, Early Childhood Council, City of Austin

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. Approve Women's Hall of Fame Recognition Plan  
**A vote was held to approve Women Hall of Fame Recognition Finalist, the motion was led by Commissioner Scheihing and Seconded by Commissioner Harris (6-0). Commissioners Bullard, Bissereth, Rattan, Salas and Serrata were absent from the meeting.**
4. Review and approve Collective Sex Crime Response Model (CSCRM) FY2025 Budget Recommendations  
**A vote was held to approve the Collective Sex Crime Model FY2025 Budget Recommendation, the motion was led by Commissioner Austen and seconded by Commissioner Scheihing 6-0). Commissioners Bullard, Bissereth, Rattan, Salas and Serrata were absent from the meeting.**

## **WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

5. Updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) regarding upcoming collaborative opportunities within the community  
**Discussion was held.**
6. Update from Working Group on Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls regarding recognition plan candidate selection process.  
**Discussion was held.**
7. Update from Working Group on Quality-of-Life Study regarding the progression of the Quality Life Study  
**Discussion was held.**
8. Update from Working Group on FY2025 Budget regarding funding allocations.

**Discussion was held.**

9. Update from Working Group on Joint Collective Sex Crime Response Model (CSCRM) Project regarding current financial allocations and project needs.

**Discussion was held.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Melendez adjourned the meeting at 1:23p.m. without objection.**

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**The minutes from the meeting were approved at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2024 meeting on Commissioner Tau's motion and seconded by Commission Scheihing (6-0) vote. Commissioners Glasser and Melendez were absent from the vote. Commissioners Bissereth, Rattan and Serrata were absent from the meeting.**