



REGULAR MEETING of the
LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, Room 1401
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Austin, Texas 78752
MEETING MINUTES

Some members of the Commission may be participating by videoconference.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once, either in-person or remotely, and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, contact Alyssa Parra, the Commission’s staff liaison, at 512-974-2934 or Alyssa.Parra@AustinTexas.gov.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Appointment</i>
Dereca Sims	District 1	Gary Brown	District 8
Christian Aguirre	District 2	Mariana Krueger	District 9
Yuri G Barragán	District 3	Brandon Wollerson	District 10
VACANT	District 4	Marti Bier	Mayor
Jerome Benson	District 5	Charles Curry	Stakeholder
David Garza	District 6	Dr. Melissa Taylor	Stakeholder
J. Scott Neal, Chair	District 7	Morgan Davis	Stakeholder
		Alexander Andersen	Stakeholder

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Aguirre called to order at 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL:

Absent:

- Marti Bier
- Mariana Krueger



Present:

- Dereca Sims (virtual)
- Christian Aguirre
- Yuri G Barragán (virtual)
- Jerome Benson
- David Garza
- John Scott Neal (virtual)
- Gary Brown
- Brandon Wollerson
- Charles Curry
- Melissa Taylor (virtual)
- Morgan Davis
- Alexander Andersen

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No public communication

MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Motioned by Commissioner Aguirre and seconded by Commissioner Curry, passed unanimously by roll call vote with Commissioner Garza abstaining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion by Commissioner Wollerson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on January 8, 2023. Passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

2. FY 24-29 Consolidated Plan Community Needs Assessment Presentation & Discussion Presented by: Chris Duran, Senior Research Analyst, Housing Department, Julie Smith, Community Engagement Specialist, Housing Department, Jamey May, Housing & Community Development Officer, Housing Department, Susan Watkins, Housing Division Manager, Housing Department, Leslie Boyd, Acting Public Health Program Manager II, Austin Public Health.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discussion on Trans Protections Recommendation to the council.
4. Approve a recommendation to the council on Emergency Housing Assistance. Motion by Commissioner Wollerson, Seconded by Commissioner Davis, Passed via roll call vote, all in favor except Commissioner Garza voting no.
5. Approve a recommendation to the council for a Budget for LGBTQIA+ Affirming Mental Healthcare. Motion to approve the recommendation as amended by Commissioner Curry and



seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion passes with roll call vote, commissioners Wollerson & Davis recusing, and a vote of no from Commissioner Garza.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve budget recommendations to the council tabled until the next meeting.
7. Approve a recommendation to the council on demographic data that has been tabled until the March Meeting.
8. Approve a recommendation to the council on vacant commissioner positions. No action was taken.
9. Approve a motion to adjust or confirm the March Commission meeting date and time. No action taken
10. Approve a motion to adjust the start time of the April 15 Commission meeting to start at 6:30 PM. Motion By Commissioner Garza, seconded by Wollerson, passed unanimously by roll call vote.
11. Approve a motion to create new working groups for Communication and Community Outreach tabled until the next commission meeting.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

12. Update from the budget working group, tabled until next meeting.
Members: Curry, Davis, Wollerson
13. Update from the New Commissioner & Increasing Community Input Working Group, tabled until next meeting.
Members: Neal, Garza, Aguirre, Sims, and Bier
14. Update from Housing Working Group.
Members: Curry, Davis, Aguirre, Griffin, Hawkins, Church
Housing workshop on either March 2 or March 9th.
15. Update from the Cultural Center Working Group, tabled until next meeting.
Members: Wollerson, Davis, Barragán
16. Update from the Demographic Data Working Group, tabled until next meeting.
Members: Curry, Aguirre

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update from homeless services, regarding the rebranded homeless shelter.

ADJOURNMENT



The chair adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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The minutes were approved at the 3/11/24 meeting on Commissioner Garza's motion, Commissioner Andersen's second on a 12-0 vote, with commissioner Kruger abstaining.