



**REGULAR MEETING of the
LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monday, March 11, 2023, 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

Chair Scott called to order at 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL:

Absent:

- Marti Bier
- Dereca Sims



Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Paul Scott, CEO HAAM – Health Alliance for Austin Musicians, speaking on #7

MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Motioned by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Wollerson, it passed unanimously by roll call vote with Commissioner Garza off the dais.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on February 12, 2023. Motion by Garza, seconded by Anderson, passed unanimously with Kruger abstaining.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Motion to approve a recommendation on Austin Music Economy Initiatives by Commissioner Wollerson, seconded by Commissioner Curry,
Passed unanimously by roll call vote with Commissioners Garza and Commissioners Andersen abstaining.
3. Discussion and action on identifying speakers, presentations, and setting or confirming agenda items for Community Townhall Meeting in April.
Discussion on
 - a survey
 - events like pride we can take part in
 - future agenda topic for April of a cultural center
 - how to promote the event
 - the results of the previously conducted QoL survey
 - What does cultural and community connection look like for you?
 - Invite LGBTQ community organizations to the table
 - Get a bigger room

A motion by Commissioner Neal to focus the April meeting mainly on a community Center, Seconded by Aguirre, passed unanimously by roll call vote.



4. Discussion and possible action on a retreat date and agenda tabled until the next meeting.
Sponsored by Chair Neal & Vice Chair Aguirre
5. Motion by Wollerson to approve an updated recommendation on Emergency Rental Assistance, seconded by Brown, passes with one no from Commissioner Garza.
6. Motion by Wollerson to approve a recommendation to the council on demographic data, read into the record, Seconded by Neal, passed unanimously by roll call vote.
7. Motion to create a Community and Communication working group to prepare and deliver marketing and communication assets and represent the commission in other community events outside the commission, it is tasked with providing an annual report by November 4th, 2024, with members Benson, Anderson, Aguirre, and Davis by Commissioner Garza, Seconded by Benson, passed unanimously by roll call vote.
8. Discussion and action to approve budget recommendations to the council. No additional action taken.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

9. Update on FY25 budget recommendations from the budget working group.

Members: Curry, Davis, Wollerson

No further recommendations.

10. Update on draft recommendations and events in progress from the New Commissioner & regarding the Increasing Community Input Working Group.

Members: Neal, Garza, Aguirre, Sims, and Bier

Neal steps down from the working group.

11. Update on FY25 budget recommendations from Housing Working Group.

Members: Curry, Davis, Aguirre, Griffin, Hawkins, Church

Still looking to plan a housing workshop, need a new location and date.

12. Update on all recommendations and events in progress from the Cultural Center Working Group.

Members: Wollerson, Davis, Barragán, Bensen, Andersen, Liaison Parra

13. Update on FY25 budget recommendations from the Demographic Data Working Group.

Members: Curry, Aguirre

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update from homeless services, regarding the rebranded homeless shelter.

Planning Department- Equity-Based Preservation Plan

Office of Sustainability- Food Plan Draft

Cultural Center

Vote on officer positions

New JIC reps



ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned at 9:23 PM.

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The minutes were approved at the 4/15/24 meeting on Commissioner Neal's motion, Commissioner Davis's second on a 11-0 vote, with commissioner Garza off the dais.