



**REGULAR MEETING of the**  
**LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Monday, October 14, 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](mailto:Alyssa.Parra@AustinTexas.gov).

**CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Appointment</i>
VACANT	District 1	Garry Brown	District 8
Katie Coyne	District 2	Mariana Krueger	District 9
Yuri G Barragán	District 3	Brandon Wollerson	District 10
Brigitte Bandit	District 4	Rocío Fierro-Perez	Mayor
Jerry Joe Benson	District 5	VACANT	Stakeholder
David Garza	District 6	VACANT	Stakeholder
J. Scott Neal, Chair	District 7	Morgan Davis	Stakeholder
		Alexander Andersen	Stakeholder

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Scott called to order at 7:03 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

***Present in person:***



- John Scott Neal (Chair)
- Jerome (Jerry Joe) Benson (Vice Chair)
- Garry Brown
- Brigitte Bandit
- Rocío Fierro-Perez
- David Garza
- Mariana Krueger
- Brandon Wollerson

***Present virtually:***

- Alexander Andersen
- Katie Coyne
- Morgan Davis

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission's regular meeting on September 9, 2024.  
**The minutes of the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission's regular meeting on September 9, 2024 were approved without objection on Chair Neal's motion on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Briefing about Austin Public Health's Request for Proposals for LGBTQ2S+ Services. Presentation by Helen Howell, Funding Specialist Senior, Austin Public Health.  
**Presentation provided by Helen Howell, Funding Specialist Senior, Austin Public Health.**
3. Briefing regarding Resolution No. 20230914-078, which directs the City to develop a historical marker on 4th and Colorado streets. Presentation by Kim McKnight, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.  
**Presentation provided by Kim McKnight, Program Manager, Parks and Recreation Department.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. Discussion informing the commission and community of Austin's Dyke March, to be held on Oct. 20th.  
**Discussion was held.**
5. Discussion on the LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Advisory Commission hosting a Town Hall, including possible dates.  
**Discussion was held.**



6. Update from Vice Chair Benson on progress on the LGBTQ+ Cultural Center Feasibility Study.  
**Vice Chair Benson provided an update on progress of the LGBTQ+ Cultural Center Feasibility Study.**

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

7. Approve a recommendation supporting an ACE permitting fee waiver for Sunday Sessions ATX.  
**The recommendation was approved on Vice Chair Benson's motion, Commissioner Brown's second, on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

8. Approve a commissioner to speak with Presley Dotson from the University of Texas regarding the claims of State discrimination against trans-Texans concerning sexual identification on state documents.  
**Commissioners Andersen and Bandit were approved to speak on behalf of the commission regarding state discrimination against trans Texans concerning sexual identification on state documents on Vice Chair Benson's motion, Commissioner Bandit's second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

9. Approve a recommendation for the approval of the Equity-Based Preservation Plan to the City Council.  
**The recommendation was approved on Vice Chair Benson's motion, Commissioner Brown's second, on a 9-0 vote. Chair Neal recused. Commissioner Garza was off the dais. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

10. Approve a nomination for a new commissioner to fill the vacant stakeholder seat on the LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Advisory Commission.  
**The meeting was extended until 10:10 P.M. on Commissioner Brown's motion, Commissioner Kruger's second, on a 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

**Taylor Trevino was nominated to fill the vacant stakeholder seat on the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission on Commissioner Krueger's motion, Commissioner Garza's second, on a 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

11. Approve the creation of a working group to vet stakeholder commissioner applications and identify individuals who may want to serve on the commission, eventually providing a final recommendation to the commission.  
**A working group to vet stakeholder commissioner applications and identify individuals who may want to serve on the commission, eventually providing a final recommendation, was created on Vice Chair Benson's motion, Commissioner Fierro-Perez' second, on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

12. Approve a recommendation commending former commissioner Charles Curry for his years of service on the LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Advisory Commission.  
**Commissioner Krueger moved to amend the recommendation to substitute "resolution" for recommendation, to substitute "CITY COUNCIL" with "THE LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION", and to add "the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission recommends that the". The motion was approved on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**



**The recommendation was approved on Vice Chair Benson's motion, Commissioner Garza's second on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

13. Approve the creation of a working group to provide a recommendation on the commission's strategic planning, next area of focus, and short and long-term goals.

**The formation of a working group to determine the commissions strategic planning and create a report was approved on Commissioner Brown's motion, Vice Chair Benson's second on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

14. Approve a recommendation to hold a vaccine clinic immediately before the October and/or November commission meetings.

**Discussion was held. No action was taken.**

15. Approve the 2025 regular meeting schedule of the LGBTQ+ Quality of Life Advisory Commission.

**The October 2025 meeting was moved to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 on Vice Chair Benson's motion, Commissioner Brown's second on a 10-1 vote. Commissioner Garza voted no. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

**The motion to change the meeting start time for the 2025 annual schedule to 6:30 P.M. was approved on Commissioner Garza's motion, Commissioner Fierro-Perez' second on a 10-0 vote. Chair Neal abstained. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

**The annual schedule was approved as amended on commissioner Garza's motion, Commissioner Krueger's second, on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Barragán was absent.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Neal adjourned without objection at 10:03 P.M.**

**The minutes were approved at the November 4, 2024 meeting on Commissioner Brown's motion, Commissioner Krueger's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioners Davis and Fierro-Pérez were off the dais.**