



REGULAR MEETING of the
LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Monday, July 8, 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
VACANT	District 2	Mariana Krueger	District 9
Yuri G Barragán	District 3	Brandon Wollerson	District 10
Brigitte Bandit	District 4	VACANT	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 7:08 PM

ROLL CALL:

Absent:

- Dereca Sims
- Melissa Taylor
- Brandon Wollerson



- Charles Curry
- Gary Brown

Present:

- Yuri G Barragán
- Brigitte Bandit
- Jerome Benson (Jerry Joe)
- David Garza
- John Scott Neal
- Mariana Krueger
- Morgan Davis
- Alexander Andersen

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Motioned by Commissioner Neal and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, it passed unanimously by roll call vote and Commissioner Garza abstaining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion by Commissioner Benson, Seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of the Commission's Regular Meeting on June 10, 2024, passed unanimously by roll call vote.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Briefing on the LGPOA Conference from Sergeant Michael Wilmore-Crumrine from the Austin Police Department.
3. Briefing on Monkey Pox from Isbel Cantu, Mpox/Flu Program Coordinator from Austin Public Health.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Updates from the Community and Communication working group and the chair selection for the working group.

Commissioner Anderson is chair of the working group. Working group to present update at next meeting in August.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve a recommendation from the New Commissioner Working group for a nomination to



the commission.

Tabled until next month, the working group will bring suggested applicants to the next meeting in August.

6. Approve a recommendation to the Council to conduct a feasibility study for an LGBTQIA+ Cultural Center.

Motion by Commissioner Anderson Seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve a recommendation 20240708-06 Feasibility Task Force for an LGBTQIA+ Cultural Center passed unanimously by roll call vote.

7. Approve a working group for Austin's PRIDE Month and PRIDE-associated events and planning schedule.

Tabled until next month.

8. Discussion of the commission's next area of focus and short and long-term goals and set a date for a strategic planning meeting.

Round robin of potential strategic direction and focus of the commission:

- Focus on increasing inclusion of POC in community events.
- Protect the community from potential hate crimes in queer spaces and events.
- Designated queer shelter and community center. Making housing more accessible to the community.
- Accommodating queer unhoused people, in a gender binary shelter system.
- Creating pathways to homeownership for queer people who may be low-income.
- Healthcare budget to support APH & our queer community, disability Justice
- Better reaching our community quicker with real-time updates to laws, resources, and information for the community. Need to be able to mobilize the community quickly.
- Make sure the City is using the full LGBTQIA+ name of our community.
- LGBTQIA+ Cultural Center, a central gathering place, for information, housing, healthcare, and other resources
- Making sure core safety services, Fire, Police, EMS, Austin Water, and Austin Energy and functioning and well prepared for emergencies like Winter Storm Uri.

A special called meeting for August 19th at 6 pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

New Cultural Center working group

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned at 9:14 PM.



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The minutes were approved at the 8/12/24 meeting on Chair Neal's motion, Commissioner Anderson's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Brown abstained.