



**REGULAR MEETING of the**  
**LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Monday, September 9, 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.

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**CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Appointment</i>
VACANT	District 1	Gary 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
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 7:02 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

***Present in person:***

- John Scott Neal (Chair)
- Jerome (Jerry Joe) Benson (Vice Chair)



- Gary Brown
- Charles Curry
- Katie Coyne
- Morgan Davis
- Rocío Fierro-Perez
- David Garza
- Mariana Krueger
- Brandon Wollerson

Present virtually:

- Alexander Andersen
- Brigitte Bandit
- Yuri G Barragán
- Morgan Davis

Absent:

- Melissa Taylor

#### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission's regular meeting on August 12, 2024.

**The motion by Chair Neal, seconded by Commissioner Krueger, to approve the minutes of the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission's regular meeting on August 12, 2024, was approved on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Coyne abstained. Commissioner Taylor was absent.**

#### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Briefing on the Equity-Based Preservation Plan from Cara Bertron, Program Manager, Planning Department, and Rocio Peña-Martinez, Preservation Plan Working Group member.

**Presentation made by Cara Bertron, Program Manager, Planning Department, and Rocio Peña-Martinez, Preservation Plan Working Group member.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Discussion of the use of Roberts's Rules of Order at commission meetings.

**The motion by Chair Neal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order for discussion on agenda item three was approved on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Taylor was absent. Discussion was held.**



4. Discussion of the commission's high-level public relations strategy.

**Motion by Chair Neal, seconded by Commissioner Coyne, to suspend Roberts's rules of order to discuss Items 4 & 10. Passed without objection.**

5. Update from Commissioner Curry from the Equity Action Team budget work session as it relates to the commission.

**Commissioner Curry provided a summary of the budget work session.**

6. Discussion of claims of State discrimination against trans-Texans concerning sexual identification on state documents.

**Chair Neal withdrew this item without objection.**

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

7. Approve a recommendation for the approval of the Equity-Based Preservation Plan to the City Council.

**The motion by Commissioner Garza to table until next month's meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Coyne, was approved on a 12-0 vote, with Chair Neal abstaining. Commissioner Taylor was absent.**

8. Approve a recommendation appointing commissioners to the Imagine Austin Planning Group.

**The motion by Chair Neal, seconded by Commissioner Garza, to rescind last month's motion appointing Commissioners Krueger & Neal to the Imagine Austin Planning group was approved on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Taylor was absent.**

**The motion by Commissioner Garza, seconded by Commissioner Coyne, to appoint Commissioner Krueger to the Imagine Austin Planning group was approved on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Taylor was absent.**

9. Approve a recommendation for a commissioner to speak on behalf of the commission to the community at the Unite the Fight gala, speaking on the commission's achievements and how to get involved with the commission's work.

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

10. Approve a recommendation for a commissioner to speak on behalf of the commission to Spectrum News Media, speaking on the commission's achievements and goals and how to get involved with the commission's work.

**The motion to extend the meeting until 10:15 by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Coyne, was approved on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Davis was off the dais. Commissioner Taylor was absent.**



**The motion by Commissioner Coyne, seconded by Commissioner Kruger for Commissioner Benson to speak on behalf of the commission to Spectrum News Media regarding the LGBT Cultural Community Center Feasibility Study was approved on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Davis was off the dais. Commissioner Taylor was absent.**

11. Approve a recommendation from the New Commissioner Working group for nominations to the vacant stakeholder positions on the commission.

**The New Commissioner Working Group provided its recommendations for commissioners to fill the seats soon to be vacated by Commissioners Curry and Taylor.**

**The motion to appoint KB Brookins to the vacant stakeholder position was approved on by Commissioner Wollerson's motion, Commissioner Benson's second, on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Taylor was absent. The motion to appoint Bri Jenkins to the vacant stakeholder position was approved on Chair Neal's motion, Commissioner Krueger's second, on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Davis was off the dais. Commissioner Taylor was absent.**

12. Approve a Joint Inclusion Commission alternate representative.

**The motion by Chair Neal, seconded by Commissioner Krueger to appoint Commissioner Coyne as the alternate representative to JIC was approved on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Taylor 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.

**Tabled until next month.**

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

**Tabled until next month.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Neal adjourned without objection at 10:02 P.M.**

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The minutes were approved without objection at the 10/14/24 meeting on Chair Neal's motion on a 11-0 vote.