



**LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Austin, Texas, 78752, Room #1401/1402.

Commissioners in attendance in person: Jerry Joe Benson, Morgan Davis, David Garza, KB Brookins, Kitty McLeod, Garry Brown, Mariana Krueger, Taylor Treviño, Brandon Wollerson
Commissioners in attendance remotely: Alexander Andersen, Katie Coyne, Brigitte Bandit

Vice Chair Benson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission's regular meeting on November 4, 2024
The minutes were approved on Commissioner Krueger's motion, Commissioner Garza's second on an 11-0 vote. Commissioners Fierro-Pérez and Neal were absent.
2. Approve the minutes of the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission's regular meeting on January 9, 2023.
The minutes were approved on Commissioner Krueger's motion, Commissioner Garza's second on an 11-0 vote with the below amendments. Commissioners Fierro-Pérez and Neal were absent.

Amended to substitute "2022" with "2023".

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion on the upcoming Texas Legislature Session and its expected draft bills pertaining to the LGBTQIA+ and performing arts communities
Presentation provided by Miriam Laeky, Government Affairs Director, Equality Texas. Discussion was held.
4. Discussion on public safety needs for the LGBTQIA+ community in Austin, especially with regards to fear of physical violence, and the ways in which the City and Austin Police Department may be able to address them.
Discussion was held.
5. Discussion of last month's presentation by City Manager T.C. Broadnax, including lessons learned and potential follow-up questions.
Discussion was held.



6. Discussion on planning the Austin LGBTQIA+ Community Center Updates and Input Session Town Hall, including its agenda, format, and whether this will be a commission meeting or a working group event.
Discussion was held.
7. Discussion of coordination with City departments that may be interested in hosting a job/resource fair or vaccine clinic before the Austin LGBTQIA+ Community Center Updates and Input Session Town Hall.
Discussion was held.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion and possible action on authorizing commissioners to make social media posts advertising the January commission meeting and Austin LGBTQIA+ Community Center Updates and Input Town Hall, including inviting certain demographic groups.
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
9. Approve the formation of a working group to plan the agenda for the Austin LGBTQIA+ Community Center Updates and Input Session Town Hall.
The motion to form a working group to plan the agenda for the Austin LGBTQIA+ Community Center Updates and Input Session Town Hall, with commissioners Benson, McLeod, Davis, and Krueger as members, was approved on Commissioner Krueger's motion, Commissioner Brown's second, on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Coyne was off the dais. Commissioners Fierro-Pérez and Neal were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and potential creation of a new working group to create a comprehensive resource packet for transgender and gender-expansive Austinites/Texans needing resources.
Reappointment of Stakeholder commissioners.
Update from Town Hall working group about how virtual attendees could be better managed.
Discussion and possible action on the LGBTQ Historical Marker.
Presentation from Austin Public Health about emerging public health issues, particularly sexual health, MPOX, mental health.
Discussion on Texas State Legislature draft bills pertaining to the LGBTQIA+ and performing arts communities.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Benson adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:38 PM.

The minutes were approved at the January 13, 2025 meeting on Commissioner Krueger's motion, Vice Chair Benson's second on a 12-0 vote.