



LGBTQ QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2025

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:30 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:

J. Scott Neal (Chair)
Jerry Joe Benson (Vice Chair)
Alexander Andersen
Brigitte Bandit
KB Brookins
Garry Brown
Katie Coyne
Morgan Davis
Mariana Krueger
Kitty McLeod
Taylor Treviño
Brandon Wollerson

Commissioners in attendance remotely:

Rocío Fierro-Pérez

Chair Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission's regular meeting on January 13, 2025.
The minutes were approved on Commissioner Krueger's motion, Commissioner Wollerson's second, on a 13-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation regarding CommUnityCare's new IDEALhealth program. Presentation by Dr. Crystal Walker, Associate Director of Sexual health program, CommUnityCare.
The presentation was made by Dr. Crystal Walker, Associate Director of the Sexual Health program, CommUnityCare.



3. Presentation regarding federal and state policies impacting the LGBTQIA+ community and advice on how the community can engage with legislators. Presentation by Rachel Gonzales, Senior Regional Organizing Lead, Human Rights Campaign.
Withdrawn without objection.
4. Presentation regarding the status of immigrant communities in Austin. Presentation by Roberto Lopez, Beyond Borders Senior Advocacy manager, Texas Civil Rights Project.
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5. Discussion on potential budget recommendations relating to the LGBTQIA+ community in Austin.
Discussion was held.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve the formation of a working group to review budget recommendations by the Joint Inclusion Committee and propose potential budget recommendations to the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission.
The motion to form a working group to review budget recommendations by the Joint Inclusion Committee and propose potential budget recommendations to the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission was approved on Chair Neal's motion, Commissioner Davis' second, on a 13-0 vote. The members include Commissioners Brown, Benson, McLeod, Neal, and Wollerson.
7. Approve a motion to amend the annual schedule to move the March 10 regular meeting to March 3rd.
The annual schedule was amended to move the March 10 regular meeting to March 3 on Commissioner Brown's motion, Commissioner Krueger's second, on a 13-0 vote.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve a statement reaffirming the commission's solidarity with and support of the LGBTQIA+ Community in Austin.
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
9. Approve the formation of a working group to solicit community engagement on the LGBTQIA+ Cultural Center planning process and provide feedback to the commission, ensuring active community involvement in the long-term strategic planning.
Discussion was held. No action was taken.
10. Approve the formation of a working group to identify qualified candidates to recommend to the City to serve on the task force as described in Resolution 20240814-022.
The motion to form a working group to identify qualified candidates to recommend to the City to serve on the task force as described in Resolution 20240814-022 was approved on Commissioner Brookins' motion, Commissioner Coyne's second, on a 13-0 vote. The members include Commissioners Benson, Brookins, Coyne, Davis, and Fierro-Pérez.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

11. Update from the Historical Marker Working group on proposed text, timing, and budget for a potential historical marker on 4th and Colorado street.
Update provided by Commissioner Brown.



12. Update from the Texas Legislative Session Working Group on the status of bills related to the LGBTQIA+ community in the Texas Legislature.
Update provided by Commissioner Davis.
13. Update from the Town Hall Working Group on the logistics and agenda for the LGBTQIA+ Cultural Center Town Hall on March 3rd.
Update provided by Vice Chair Benson.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion on how the commission could better foster community networking and connections. Motion by Chair Neal, second by Commissioner Benson.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Neal adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:07 PM.

The minutes were approved at the March 3, 2025 meeting on Commissioner Brown's motion, Commissioner Davis' second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Andersen was absent.