

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 18, 2015



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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

The Commission for Women convened in a special called meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Conference Room 10A in Austin, Texas.

Chair Cuba-Lewis called the Board Meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Julia Cuba-Lewis, Chair
Karen Temborius, Vice-Chair
LaKisha Thigpen, Secretary
Flannery Bope
Amanda Lewis
Sarah Tober

Commissioners Absent:

Ana DeFrates
Barbara Fountain
Mackenzie Kelly
Ginny Lewis

Staff in Attendance:

Rebecca Kennedy, Human Resources Chief Administrative Officer
Sandra Adame, Administrative Specialist and Commission Staff Liaison

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the regular meeting of September 2, 2015 were approved with the following amendments on Commissioner Tober's motion, Commissioner Bope's second on a 6-0 vote. The amendments were: Page one, first section, date changed to read September 2, 2015 instead of September 5, 2015.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on scheduling commission meetings for November 2015 - November 2016.

Discussion was held on the November 2015 – November 2016 meeting schedule. Commissioners approved the Commission Meeting Schedule and directed staff to move

the regular meeting date to the second Wednesday of the month, and to continue with the time of Noon on Commissioner Bope's motion, Commissioner Amanda Lewis' second, on a 6-0 vote. Staff will find a location for the meetings and communicate to commissioners and to Clerk's office for the commission website.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to select a date for the Women's Hall of Fame induction and other event logistics.**

Discussion was held on the date and location for the Women's Hall of Fame induction. Commissioners preferred the City Hall Atrium as the location in February or March of 2016. Staff will bring back available dates for review at the next meeting. Logistics such as invitations, marketing, and trophies were also discussed.

- b. Discussion and possible action on the demand for rape kits in Austin**

Discussion was held on the demand for rape kits in Austin. Commissioner Amanda Lewis works at Safe Place and mentioned that testing is not the only issue, but whether or not the act is consensual. In addition, Commissioner Tembrius asked about funding that was allocated to Austin Police Dept. to process older test kits. Staff was asked to include another discussion on this item in the January 2016 meeting, to include inviting speakers from SafePlace and the Austin Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cuba Lewis adjourned the meeting at 1:10p.m. on Commissioner Bope's motion, Commissioner Tober's second, on a 6-0 vote.