



REGULAR MEETING OF THE JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 26, 2016 at 5:30pm

City Hall

Conference Room 3103

301 West Second Street

Austin, Texas 78701

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Angela-Jo Touza Medina (Chair)

Sonia Kotecha (Vice-Chair)

Janee Briesemeister

Garfield Landry

Amanda Lewis

Isabel Lopez-Aguilar

Tanya Winters

Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee was called to order at 5:35pm

Board Members in attendance:

Angela-Jo Touza Medina (Chair), Sonia Kotecha (Vice-Chair), Janee Briesemeister, Garfield Landry, Isabel Lopez-Aguilar and Tanya Winters.

Staff in Attendance:

Ray Baray, Chief of Staff; Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant; and Trinh Bartlett, Assistant to the Assistant City Manager.

1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. No citizen communication

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. None

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Introduction of members: Each member spoke about their background and their dedication to improve the quality of life of the Austin community.
- b. Introduction of staff liaisons and staff that are frequently in attendance: Baray, Sanchez and Bartlett spoke about their background and their dedication to serve this Committee.
- c. Executive liaison overview: Baray explained the importance of the Committee and goals.
- d. Discussion of Committee mission: Baray briefly explained the mission.
- e. Election of Officers: Commissioner Touza Medina nominated herself as Chair and Commissioner Kotecha seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote. Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar nominated Commissioner Kotecha as Vice-Chair, Chair Touza Medina seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

- f. Approval of Bylaws: By laws were approved with the following changes: Committee will meet Monthly and no Committee were selected. Commissioner Briesemeister moved to approve the bylaws, seconded by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar. Motion passed in a unanimous vote.
- g. Selection of an LGBT representative: Commissioner will reach out to their networks to research possible nominations. Commissioners will also reach out to groups and organizations for suggestions and recommendations.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Equity Office: Baray briefed the Committee on recent updates with the establishment of the Equity Office including next steps to hiring the Chief Equity Officer and upcoming community engagement meetings.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Note: This section of the agenda gives the members an opportunity to request items for future agendas. By City ordinance, two board members are required to sponsor an item. Staff should assume that if there is no objection from other members expressed at the meeting, the members' silence indicates approval for staff to include on the next agenda.

- a. Briefing on the Equity Office
- b. Discussion and selection of the LGBT representative
- c. Discussion and identification of future speakers

ADJOURNMENT

- a. Chair Touza Medina moved and seconded by Commissioner Winters to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed on a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm