



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened for its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at Austin City Hall in Austin, Texas.

Staff Liaison Charles Loosen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Kannou (Kimberly) Curette, Sandra Chavez, Victor Martinez, Paula Buls, Ruben Baeza, Deirdre Doughty, Danielle Skidmore, Brandon Wollerson.

Commissioners Absent:

Absent: Kelly Estrella (Excused), Awais Azhar (Excused), Tim Altanero (Unexcused)

Staff in Attendance: Sara Hensley, Charles Loosen

1. Citizen Communication

Sweet Gwendolyn spoke to the Commission regarding transgender quality of life in the City of Austin, specifically recommending workforce development activities.

2. Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion to adopt as written was made by Commissioner Buls, seconded by Commissioner Doughty.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Staff Liaison delivered an attendance report and stated that the City Clerk would be forwarded the attendance report.

b. Draft bylaws were presented and approved. Commissioner Martinez motioned for approval, Commissioners Wollerson and Chavez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Commissioners discussed the election of Officers. Commissioner Martinez was nominated to the position of Chair by Commissioner Buls, the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Baeza, and the nomination passed with one abstention by Commissioner Martinez (7-0-1). Commissioner Buls was nominated to the position of Vice Chair by Commissioner Wollerson, the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Chavez, and the nomination passed with one abstention by Commissioner Buls (7-0-1).

d. Commissioners debated nomination of applicants to four vacant at-large seats. Discussion focused on knowledge, skills, qualities, and experiences that would augment the seated Commissioners.

Charles Curry and Tarik Daniels were nominated by Paula Buls, Commissioner Skidmore seconded, the nomination of both passed unanimously (8-0). Katheryn Gonzales was nominated by Commissioner Skidmore, the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Doughty, and the nomination passed unanimously (8-0). Brittany Kitchens was nominated by Commissioner Baeza, the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Curette, and the nomination passed unanimously (8-0).

e. Commissioners confirmed upcoming meeting dates with staff and the Chair announced he would be out of town at the August meeting which will be facilitated by the Vice Chair.

4. ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. without objection.