

LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING Monday, January 14, 2019

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019, in City Hall Room 1029, 301 West Second Street, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Victor Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Martinez, Azhar, Baeza, Curry, Gonzales, Hines, Skidmore, Taylor, Wollerson

Staff in Attendance: Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL – None.

- **2. MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER** The commission voted 9-0 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. The chair conducted the meeting based on consensus.
- **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The meeting minutes of December 17, 2018, were approved without objection.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- **a.** The Small and Minority Business Resources Department made a presentation to the commission concerning the citywide MBE/WBE/DBE Disparity Study, which is required for the City to have a program to certify historically disadvantaged businesses. The commission discussed the meaning of the word "gender" in the City's ordinance and how that might affect transgender or gender nonconforming individuals.
- **b.** The Equity Office made a presentation to the commission concerning data collection standards and how that affects the collection of demographic information related to the LGBTQ community. The commission discussed making a recommendation related to this issue at a future meeting.
- **c.** Michael Crumrine of the Austin Police Department made a presentation to the commission concerning the development of victim gender-neutral affidavits. Several local judges have expressed skepticism about not including an individual's name in an affidavit. The commission discussed making a recommendation related to this issue at a future meeting.
- **d.** The commission discussed scheduling and outreach efforts related to an LGBTQ Quality of Life study.
- e. The commission, without objection, agreed to form the following working groups to align with the City Council's Strategic Direction 2023: Economic Opportunity and Affordability (Chavez, Curry); Mobility (Skidmore, Taylor); Safety (Baeza, Curette, Doughty); Health and Environment (Hines, Wollerson); Culture and Lifelong Learning (Daniels, Curry); Government That Works for All

(Azhar, Gonzales). The commission agreed the Government That Works for All group will have subgroups for the following areas: Quality of Life study (Currette); Budget (Curry, Baeza); Strategic Plan (Martinez).

f. Without objection, the commission agreed to recommend Daniels, Curry, Gonzales, and Taylor for reappointment to the at-large stakeholder positions.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. without objection.