



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 11, 2019**

**The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 11, 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, Chavez, Currence, Curry, Daniels, Doughty, Gonzales, Hines, Skidmore, Taylor, Wollerson

**Staff in Attendance:** Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust

**1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Austin Fire Chief Joel Baker spoke to the commission concerning recruitment of cadets and his desire to reach out to members of the LGBTQ community.

Alpha Shrestha and Beeta Salsabilian of the Asian Family Support Services of Austin introduced themselves to the commission.

Carlos Leon addressed the commission on a personal matter.

Genoveva Rodriguez, Collin Acock, and Steven Hyden addressed the commission on matters of public safety concerning the LGBTQ community.

**2. MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER** – The commission voted 12-0 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. The chair conducted the meeting based on consensus.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – An amendment was made to the draft minutes to correct the location of the meeting. The amended minutes of January 14, 2018, were approved without objection.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a.** Sgt. Michael Crumrine and Christian Mendoza of the Austin Police Department provided an update and answered questions concerning an assault against two members of the LGBTQ community in downtown Austin.
- b.** The commission adopted, without objection, a resolution recommending the adopting of victim neutral affidavits and supporting LGBTQ cultural competency training for APD officers.
- c.** The commission adopted, without objection, a recommendation that the City of Austin include sexual orientation and gender identity specific metrics within the Austin Strategic Direction 2023 metrics.

- d. The commission discussed scheduling a community forum to gather opinions related to priorities for the City's 2019-2020 budget.
- e. The commission discussed schedules and goals for the LGBTQ Quality of Life study and agreed to hold a retreat on March 31, 2019, to discuss strategic planning goals.

**4. ADJOURN**

Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m. without objection.