



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 13, 2019**

The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019, at City Hall, 301 W Second Street, Room 1029, in Austin, Texas.

Chair Victor Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Martinez, Baeza, Chavez, Curry, Daniels, Doughty, Dowling, Gonzales, Hines, Taylor, Wollerson

Staff in Attendance: Staff Liaison Neal Falgoust

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Bears Rebecca Fonte addressed the commission concerning her representing the Arts Commission as a liaison to the LGBTQ commission. All arts equity language now includes LGBTQ and disability communities.

Assistant City Manager Rodney Gonzales introduced himself to the commission and offered assistance with City issues.

Elizabeth Henry of Austin Travis County Sobriety Center addressed the commission concerning the services offered by the center.

Brett Barnes addressed the commission concerning bond funding for creative spaces and asked for community input concerning how to disperse the funding.

2. MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER – The commission voted 11-0 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. The chair conducted the meeting based on consensus.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The meeting minutes of April 8 and April 23, 2019, were approved without objection.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. The commission discussed drafting a recommendation, to be considered by other quality of life commissions and the Joint Inclusion Committee, asking the City Council to expand the mandate of the Equity Office beyond racial inequity. The chair suggested the Government That Works for All working group to draft a recommendation or meet with Equity Office to discuss the issue. (Sponsored by Martinez)

b. Commissioner Taylor discussed drafting a request for proposals related to an LGBTQ quality of life study. Commissioners discussed framing the study as a power analysis as opposed to a needs-based analysis. (Sponsored by Curette and Taylor)

- c. Commissioner Taylor discussed options for strategic planning and how to best organize the commission to accomplish its goals. The commission working groups will work defining goals. (Sponsored by Curette and Taylor)

ADJOURN – Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. without objection.