

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

**Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Rebecca Austen, Chair  
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair  
Tanya Athar-Jogee  
Rossana Barrios  
Juliana Gonzales  
Sarah Tober

**Commissioners Absent:**

Julia Cuba Lewis  
Neva Fernandez  
Amanda Lewis  
Dyana Limon-Mercado

**Vacancy:**

District 3

**Staff in Attendance:**

Matthew Chustz, Human Resources Department  
Rebecca Kennedy, Human Resources Department

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The minutes from the regular meeting of April 10, 2019 were approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Cuba Lewis, Lewis, Limon-Mercado, and Fernandez were absent.
- b. The minutes from the special called meeting of April 23, 2019 were approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Cuba Lewis, Lewis, Limon-Mercado, and Fernandez were absent.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding submission of the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2020 budget.**

Discussion was held, and no action was taken.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the following working groups:**

**i. Economic equity**

Discussion was held, and no action was taken.

**ii. Sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience**

The action to add Commissioner Gonzales to this working group was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on a 6-0 vote.

Commissioners Cuba Lewis, Lewis, Limon-Mercado, and Fernandez were absent.

**iii. Access to quality and affordable healthcare**

The action to add Commissioner Gonzales to this working group was approved on Vice Chair Bope's motion, Commissioner Barrios' second on a 6-0 vote.

Commissioners Cuba Lewis, Lewis, Limon-Mercado, and Fernandez were absent.

**iv. Women's Hall of Fame**

Discussion was held, and no action was taken.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Commission representation on the Joint Inclusion Committee.**

The action to designate Chair Austen as an alternate Commission for Women representative to the Joint Inclusion Committee was approved on Commissioner Tober's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioners Cuba Lewis, Lewis, Limon-Mercado, and Fernandez were absent.

**5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Discussion regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2020 budget.**  
**b. Discussion regarding changes to the Commission's bylaws and mission statement.**  
**c. Discussion and possible action regarding the following working groups:**
- 1. Economic equity**
  - 2. Sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience**
  - 3. Access to quality and affordable healthcare**
  - 4. Women's Hall of Fame**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m. without objection.**