



**LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, November 4, 2019**

**The LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019, at City Hall, 301 W Second Street, Room 1029, in Austin, Texas.**

**Vice Chair Kathryn Gonzales called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.**

**Members in Attendance:**

Baeza, Chavez, Curry, Daniels, Dowling, Gonzales, Gonzalez, Gorczynski, Hines, Kirby, Taylor, Wollerson

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

**1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**2. MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER** – The commission voted 10-0 to suspend Robert's Rules of Order. The chair conducted the meeting based on consensus.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Item 4(f) of the meeting minutes of October 14, 2019, were amended to reflect a meeting time of 7 p.m. The amended minutes were approved without objection.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Melissa Ayala of the Waterloo Greenway provided an update on the Waterloo park development and the upcoming Creek Show 2019. Ayala asked the commission for ideas on partnering with community organizations and outreach.
- b. Commissioners Wollerson and Hines introduced a recommendation supporting a ban on conversion therapy. The commission adopted the recommendation without objection and asked Commissioners Wollerson and Hines to speak in favor of the recommendation at the City Council's November 14, 2019, meeting.
- c. Commissioners Gorczynski and Kirby introduced a recommendation that the City Council continue to take a comprehensive approach to assisting individuals experience homelessness. Commissioner Gorczynski stated that LGBTQIA+ individuals experience homelessness at a greater rate than the general population. The commission discussed amendments to the proposed recommendation. The commission adopted the revised recommendation without objection.
- d. Commissioner Taylor introduced a discussion concerning the proposed scope of work for an LGBTQ quality of life study. The commission reviewed proposed changes. The commission approved the scope of work without objection. Joshua Robinson of the Equity Office provided an update on the timeline and process for soliciting proposals.
- e. Commissioner Gonzales updated the commission concerning a discussion with APD about training.

f. The commission adopted the following working groups and strategic goals for calendar year 2020:

Economic Opportunity & Affordability (Chavez, Curry): Homelessness, affordability and tax relief

Mobility (Gonzales, Gonzalez): Public transit, disability and accessibility

Safety (Kirby, Baeza): APD/EMS/AFD training, social isolation

Health & Environment (Hines, Kirby, Wollerson): Mental health, health equity, social isolation

Culture & Lifelong Learning (Gorczynski, Daniels, Dowling): LGBTQ history markers

Government That Works for All (Taylor, Curry, Gonzales): Quality of Life study, demographic data collection

**ADJOURN** – Vice Chair Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m. without objection.