



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, June 22, 2020**

The Human Rights Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020 via teleconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sareta Davis called the Board Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Davis, Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, Commissioner Santana, Commissioner Weigel, and Commissioner White.

Staff in Attendance: Monika Arvelo, Assistant Director, Human Resources Department (HRD); Jonathan Babiak, Human Resources Coordinator, HRD

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from the regular meeting of May 18, 2020 were approved on a vote of 9-0: Chair Davis motion, Vice Chair Jamarr Brown second. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Santana, Commissioner Weigel, and Commissioner White. Commissioner Garry Brown and Commissioner Museitif were absent.
- b. The minutes from the special called meeting of June 5, 2020 were approved on a vote of 9-0: Chair Davis motion, Commissioner Santana second. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Santana, Commissioner Weigel, and Commissioner White. Commissioner Garry Brown and Commissioner Museitif were absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Complaints Sent to the Austin Police Department from the Office Of Police Oversight. (Davis/Brown, J./Breckenridge/Santana)

Farah Muscadin, Director, Office of Police Oversight, City of Austin

Farah Muscadin addressed the Commission and answered questions from the Commission. The Commission discussed this item. Chair Davis moved for adoption, Commissioner White second. The recommendation was approved on a vote of 11-0.
- b. Discussion and possible action on Recommendation Number (20200622-002a) Human Rights Commission Recommendation to Defund the Police. (White/Davis/Brown, J./Breckenridge/Casas)

The Commission discussed this item. Chair Davis moved for adoption, Commissioner Casas second. The recommendation was approved on a vote of 11-0.

- c. Discussion and possible action in regards to the city's plan and next steps for Oakwood Cemetery. (Caballero/Breckenridge/Davis)

Kim McKnight, MSHP, AICP, Program Manager, Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Kim McKnight addressed the Commission and answered questions from the Commission. The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

- d. Limited Discussion and possible action to have Commissioners establish goals and objectives for 2020-21, including plans and strategies for meeting those objectives:
 - i. Context
 - ii. Accomplishments
 - iii. Possibilities
 - iv. Priorities
 - v. Actions
 - vi. Close (Davis/Brown, J.)

The Commission discussed this item. Chair Davis moved for adoption, Commissioner Griffith second. The following goals for 2020-21 were approved on a vote of 11-0:

- i. Institutional Equity
- ii. Environment & Land Use
- iii. Health Access & Nutrition
- iv. Autonomy & Human Rights

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on a Recommendation to Address Under-banking by Allowing City Libraries to Perform Limited Financial Services. (White/Caballero)

The Commission took no action on this item.

- b. The Commission discussed the following key priority areas of concern for 2019-2020:
 - i. Institutional Equity
 - ii. Environment & Land Use
 - iii. Health Access & Nutrition
 - iv. Autonomy & Human Right

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Garry Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:29 a.m. on unanimous consent.