

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Friday, January 8, 2021 via videoconference.

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen, Chair
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair
Tanya Athar-Jogee
Julia Cuba Lewis
Neva Fernandez
Diana Melendez
Sarah Tober

Commissioners Absent:

Juliana Gonzales
Amanda Lewis
Dyana Limon-Mercado

Vacant:

District 2

Staff in Attendance:

April Shaw, Human Resources Department

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission for Women regular meeting on December 2, 2020.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on December 2, 2020 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Fernandez off the dais and Commissioners Gonzales, Lewis, and Limon-Mercado absent.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding updated from the following working groups:

i. Economic equity

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

ii. Sexual assault, violence prevention, and survivor experience

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

iii. Access to quality and affordable healthcare

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

iv. Women's Hall of Fame

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding updates from the Joint Inclusion Committee.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2021 budget.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Austin's women and girls.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council on anti-racism.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

f. Discussion and possible action regarding Commission for Women Working Groups.

The 2021 Commission for Women Working Groups were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Gonzales, Lewis, and Limon-Mercado absent.

g. Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission Charter.

Updates to the Commission for Women Charter were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Gonzales, Lewis, and Limon-Mercado absent.

h. Discussion and possible action regarding childcare at City of Austin public meetings.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

3. BRIEFINGS

a. Presentation from Integral Care by Ellen Richards regarding issues related to mental health in Austin.

Ellen Richards provided a presentation to the Commission regarding issues related to mental health in Austin.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding issues related to mental health in Austin.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission requested an item regarding the City of Austin FY2022 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m. without objection.