

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 via videoconference.

**Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

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

**Commissioners Absent:**

Julia Cuba Lewis  
Juliana Gonzales

**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 February 3, 2021.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on February 3, 2021 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Fernandez' second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Lewis off the dais, and Commissioners Cuba Lewis and Gonzales absent.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**i. Homelessness**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**ii. Safety**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**iii. Health**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**iv. Recognition of Equity for Women and Girls**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

The motion to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding appointment of the APD Chief was made on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Athar-Jogee's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Cuba Lewis and Gonzales absent.

**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 Commission for Women Working Groups.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the City Council endorsing the City of Austin's 2020 legislative agenda.**

The motion to make a recommendation to the City Council in support of the City of Austin's 2020 legislative agenda was made on Chair Austen's motion, Vice-Chair Bope's

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second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioner Lewis off the dais, and Commissioners Cuba Lewis and Gonzales absent.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Commission requested a future agenda item from EMS regarding the community health program for people experiencing homelessness.

The Commission requested a future agenda item to receive a follow up presentation regarding the APD evaluation of sexual assault investigations.

The Commission requested to receive a copy of the presentation being provided by the Parks and Recreation Department to city Boards and Commissions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m. without objection.