

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, January 25, 2021

The Human Rights Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 via teleconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sareta Davis called the Board Meeting to order at 5:32 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, and Commissioner Weigel.

Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Babiak, Human Resources Coordinator, Human Resources Department

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. The minutes from the regular meeting of October 26, 2020 were approved on a vote of 7-0: Chair Davis motion, Commissioner Garry Brown second. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, and Commissioner Weigel. Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Santana, and Commissioner White were absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation by Cynthia Turner, AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer and Pro Bono Attorney Engagement Specialist, and discussion regarding successes as an organization and request for support in making immigration funding a priority in the City's budget for next year. (Davis/Brown, J./Casas)
 - Rebecca Lightsey, Co Executive Director, American Gateways, addressed the Commission and answered questions. The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.
- b. Discussion regarding planning and logistics of a future meeting agenda item related to Community Budget Forum. (Davis/Brown, J./Casas)
 - The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.
- c. Discussion and possible action related to Austin, Texas Covid19 response and its impact on communities of color. (Museitif/Davis)
 - The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding 87th State Legislative Agenda. (Davis/Brown, J./Casas)

The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Commission discussed the following key priority areas of concern for 2020-2021:
 - i. Institutional Equity
 - ii. Environment & Land Use
 - iii. Health Access & Nutrition
 - iv. Autonomy & Human Right

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m. on unanimous consent.