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The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 via videoconference.

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen, Chair
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair
Tanya Athar-Jogee
Julia Cuba Lewis
Juliana Gonzales
Amanda Lewis
Diana Melendez
Hemali Patel
Josie Serrata

Commissioners Absent:

Neva Fernandez
Sarah Tober

Vacant:

None

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 March 3, 2021.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on March 3, 2021 were approved on Commissioner Gonzales' motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis' second on a vote of 9-0, with Commissioners Fernandez and Tober 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.

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 Commission for Women Working Groups.

The motion to add Commissioner Patel to the Health Working Group was made on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioner Serrata off the dais, and Commissioners Fernandez and Tober absent.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible action regarding election of a Chair of the Commission for Women.

The motion to re-elect Chair Austen as Chair of the Commission for Women was approved on Commissioner Gonzales' motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis' second, on a

vote of 8-0 with Commissioner Serrata off the dais, and Commissioners Fernandez and Tober absent.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding election of a Vice-Chair of the Commission for Women.

The motion to re-elect Vice-Chair Bope as Vice-Chair of the Commission for Women was approved on Commissioner Gonzales' motion, Commissioner Cuba Lewis' second, on a vote of 8-0 with Commissioner Serrata off the dais, and Commissioners Fernandez and Tober absent.

c. Discussion regarding transition of Commissions to the Civil Rights Office.

Discussion was held. No action as taken.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding appointments to the Commission for Women.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding menstrual equity.

The motion to approve a recommendation to the City Council regarding Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28th was made on Chair Austen's motion, Vice-Chair Bope's second on a vote of 8-0 with Commissioner Serrata off the dais, and Commissioners Fernandez and Tober absent.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission requested that the item regarding appointments to the Commission remain a standing item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m. without objection.