

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
MEETING MINUTES**

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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

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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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.