



## **COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 7, 2021**

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

**Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.**

### **Commissioners in Attendance:**

Rebecca Austen, Chair  
Flannery Bope, Vice Chair  
Juliana Gonzales  
Diana Melendez  
Pam Rattan  
Josie Serrata

### **Commissioners Absent:**

Vanessa Bissereth  
Julia Cuba Lewis  
Neva Fernandez  
Hemali Patel  
Sarah Tober

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Jonathan Babiak, Office of Civil Rights

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission for Women regular meeting on June 2, 2021.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on June 2, 2021 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a vote of 6-0, with Commissioners Bissereth, Cuba-Lewis, Fernandez, Patel, 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 updates from the Winter Storm Review Task Force**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**d. Discussion and possible action regarding 2021 Commission for Women Working Groups.**

Discussion was held. The motion to approve working group memberships was made on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Bissereth, Cuba-Lewis, Fernandez, Patel, and Tober absent.

**e. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2022 budget.**

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Presentation by Sarah Mostyn, Police Executive Research Forum, and Patricia Bourenane, Assistant to ACM Arellano, and update followed by discussion and possible action on the evaluation of APD's sexual assault investigations.**

Sarah Mostyn, Police Executive Research Forum; Patricia Bourenane, Assistant to ACM Arellano; and Patricia Cruz, Lieutenant, Forensic Science Bureau/ Investigations 2, Austin Police Department, presented to the Commission and answered questions from members. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

**b. Presentation by Amber Price, Community Health Paramedic for Persons Experiencing Homelessness, Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST), Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services, and discussion and possible action regarding programs and services for persons experiencing homelessness.**

The speaker was unavailable. No action was taken.

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**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Presentation by representatives of Saint Louise House.

Presentation by Amber Price, Community Health Paramedic for Persons Experiencing Homelessness, Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST), Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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