



COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

The Commission for Women convened for a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701 in Room 1101.

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Vanessa Bissereth
Hemali Patel

Staff in Attendance:

Juanita Martinez & Jonathan Babiak, Office of Civil Rights

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Grace Nguyen addressed the Commission on Citizen Communication – General.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission for Women regular meeting on July 7, 2021.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on July 7, 2021 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Vice Chair Bope's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Bissereth, Cortez, and Patel 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 2021 Commission for Women Working Groups.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

d. 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 Carlos Soto, Research Analyst, Community Action Network (CAN), followed by discussion and possible action on the CAN 2021 Dashboard Report, Race Equity Action Framework, and COVID-19 Response

Carlos Soto, Research Analyst, Community Action Network (CAN), presented to the Commission and answered questions from members. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

b. Discussion and possible action to approve the 2022 meeting schedule.

The Commission approved the following 2022 meeting schedule on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Rattan's second on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioners Bissereth, Cortez, and Patel absent speaker.

January 5; February 2; March 2; April 6; May 4; June 1; July 13; August 3; September 7; October 5; November 2; and December 7.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Presentation from Police Executive Research Forum.

Presentation on LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Study.

Presentation from Community Action Network (CAN).

Discussion and possible action on Park Design for Women.

Presentation from Homeless Strategy Officer Dianna Grey.

Joint Inclusion Committee Alternate.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m. without objection.