

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
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The Commission for Women convened for a hybrid regular meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, with Chair Austen at Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas 78701 in Room 1101, and the remaining members participating by videoconference.

Chair Austen called the Commission Meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Priscilla Cortez
Neva Fernandez
Vacant: District 2
Vacant: Mayor Adler

Staff in Attendance:

Jonathan Babiak, Office of Civil Rights

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission for Women regular meeting on February 2, 2022.**

The minutes from the regular meeting on February 2, 2022 were approved on Chair Austen's motion, Commissioner Flannery's second on a vote of 7-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding updates from the following working groups:**

i. Homelessness

Motion to approve the draft recommendations for Women Experiencing Homelessness with changes was approved. It was put forth by Chair Austen and seconded by Commissioner Rattan. The motion passed 7-0.

ii. Public Safety

Motion to approve the draft recommendations for Public Safety with changes was approved. It was put forth by Chair Austen and seconded by Commissioner Gonzales. The motion passed 7-0.

iii. Health

Motion to approve the draft recommendations for Women Affected by Senate Bill 8 with changes was approved. It was put forth by Chair Austen and seconded by Josie Serrata. Record of vote: Passed on a 6-1 vote, with Chair Austen, Vice Chair Bope, Commissioners Bissereth, Gonzales, Melendez, and Serrata in favor; Commissioner Rattan against; and two commissioners absent.

Motion to approve the draft recommendations for Menstrual Equity with changes was approved. It was put forth by Chair Austen and seconded by Commissioner Flannery seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion to address mental health recommendations was put forth by Chair Austen and seconded by Commissioner Gonzales. The motion passed 7-0.

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 FY2022 budget.

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation for the City of Austin FY2023 budget.

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Discussion was held. No action taken.

3. BRIEFINGS

- a. Presentation from Ryn Gonzales, Chair, City of Austin Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission, followed by discussion and possible action regarding the LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Study.**

Ryn Gonzales provided a presentation to the LGBTQIA+ Quality of Life Study.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 1:41 pm without objection.