



**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 29, 2020**

The Human Rights Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 via teleconference in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sareta Davis called the Board Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Davis, Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, Commissioner Santana, and Commissioner Weigel.

Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Babiak, Human Resources Coordinator, Human Resources Department

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The minutes from the regular meeting of June 22, 2020 were approved on a vote of 10-0: Chair Davis motion, Commissioner Garry Brown second. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, Commissioner Santana, and Commissioner Weigel. Commissioner White was absent.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on Formal Condemnation and Call for Investigation of Violation of Austin Police Department Policy, and Recommendation to Amend and Ensure Enforcement of Austin Police Department's Policy re Requesting an Officer of a Given Sex or Gender. (Weigel/White)

Commissioner Weigel moved to table this item, Commissioner Garry Brown second. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0; voting in favor were Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, Commissioner Santana, and Commissioner Weigel. Chair Davis and Commissioner White were absent.

- b. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council to establish the Juneteenth holiday as a City holiday each year beginning in 2021. (Davis/Brown, J)

The Commission discussed this item. Chair Davis moved for adoption, Vice Chair Jamarr Brown second. The recommendation was approved on a vote of 10-0. Voting in favor were Chair Davis, Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Casas, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, Commissioner Santana, and Commissioner Weigel. Commissioner White was absent.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action on a Recommendation to Address Under-banking by Allowing City Libraries to Perform Limited Financial Services. (White/Caballero)

The Commission discussed this item. Vice Chair Jamarr Brown moved for adoption, Commissioner Caballero second. The recommendation was approved on a vote of 8-0. Voting in favor were Vice Chair Jamarr Brown, Commissioner Breckenridge, Commissioner Garry Brown, Commissioner Caballero, Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Museitif, Commissioner Santana, and Commissioner Weigel. Chair Davis, Commissioner Casas, and Commissioner White were absent.

- b. Discussion and possible action in regards to the city's plan and next steps for Oakwood Cemetery. (Caballero/Breckenridge/Davis)

The Commission took no action on this item.

- c. The Commission discussed the following key priority areas of concern for 2020-2021:
 - i. Institutional Equity
 - ii. Environment & Land Use
 - iii. Health Access & Nutrition
 - iv. Autonomy & Human Right

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Jamarr Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m. on unanimous consent.