



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday – October 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

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CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Sophie Gairo - Mayor Steve Adler
Nehemiah Pitts III - Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, District 1
Steven Apodaca – Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, District 2
Malcolm Yeatts - Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria, District 3
David Alexander - Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4
Dave Floyd - Council Member Ann Kitchen, District 5
Iliya Svirsky - Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6
Maxine Eiland - Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7
Jennifer Ramos - Council Member Paige Ellis, District 8
Nicole Thompson – Council Member Kathie Tovo, District 9
Sumit DasGupta - Council Member Alison Alter, District 10

Commission Members Present

Nehemiah Pitts III
Nicole Thompson
Dave Floyd
Steven Apodaca
Jennifer Ramos
Sophie Gairo

Commission Members Attending Remotely

Maxine Eiland
Sumit DasGupta
Malcolm Yeatts

Unexcused Absence

David Alexander

Iliya Svirsky

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting started at 6:49PM

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 29, 2021

Motion by Chair Pitts to approve the minutes as amended; second by Commissioner Dasgupta; passed on a vote of 9-0.

- Minor wording change would be CEO ACTION FOR RACIAL EQUITY,
- Motion for the wording change as per Commissioner Apodaca.

2. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Digital Inclusion Week Art Competition – Jesse Rodriguez, Interim Program Manager, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs (discussion and possible action)**

The announcement of the awards was postponed due to the lack of submissions.

- b. Commission discussion and action on its 2022 meeting schedule (Commission discussion and possible action)**

Motion to approve the commission 2022 schedule as presented made by Chair Pitts, second by Commission Apodaca passed on a vote of 9-0.

Presentation by Jesse Rodriguez can be viewed [here](#).

- c. Grant for Technology Opportunities Program 2022 Cycle - Jesse Rodriguez, Interim Program Manager, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs (discussion and possible action)**

Motion to approve the changes for GTOPs 2022 as recommended by Jesse Rodriguez made by Chair Pitts, second by Commissioner Ramos passed on a vote of 9-0.

Presentation by Jesse Rodriguez can be viewed [here](#).

d. Digital Equity and Inclusion Town Hall (Commission discussion and possible action)

At the town hall, 11 community members presented their lived experience of the digital divide. Mission Capital, United Way, and the Housing Authority of the City of Austin helped facilitate this event and locate community members to present.

3. COMMISSION UPDATES (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Digital Inclusion, Civic Engagement, and Strategic Technology and Telecom Policy Working Group

The focus of the last working group meeting was on the strategic outcomes and aligning objectives and highlighting the objectives that can be streamlined. Chair Pitts spoke to the success of Digital Inclusion Week 2021 and the pending Council digital inclusion week proclamation.

b. Knowledge, Information, and Data Stewardship Working Group

The focus of the last working group meeting was on the strategic outcomes and aligning objectives and highlighting the objectives that can be streamlined. Chair Pitts noted that Vice Chair David Alexander will be resigning in the near future. Next Working Group meeting discuss opportunities for streamlining take suggestions from Commission Gairo.

c. Technology, Infrastructure, and Innovation Working Group

The working group decided to combine some of the objectives, and all of the City's Strategic Outcomes are now addressed. Work will continue at the next working group meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- New Chief Research, Strategic Officer to present either November or December meeting.
- Rondella Hawkins would share a Legislative or FCC updates.
- Digital Inclusion Fellow will present a year in review, her fellowship and role as a leader with focus on digital inclusion.
- Celebrating art poster, design submissions and announcing the winners
- Town Hall outcomes and analysis

- Smart City trends, what has happened over the times of COVID
- CEO Action for Racial Equity

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Pitts, seconded by Commissioner Thompson Beavers passed on a vote of 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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For more information on the Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission, please visit their website at <http://www.austintexas.gov/cttc> or contact Jesse Rodriguez at jesse.rodriguez@austintexas.gov.

Posting Submitted by: Jesse Rodriguez, Business Process Specialist, Wednesday, October 13, 2021