

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025

Present: Vickie Spyhalski, Bryan Davis, Denver Ritz, Arkaysia Hampton, Trish Wiechmann, Stephanie Holtorf, An Le, Miguel Garate, and Bridget Halvorson.

Absent: Joyce Poshusta and Varinh Van Vugt.

1. **Call to Order:** Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM with a quorum present.
2. **Old Business**
 - Approve Current Meeting Agenda
 - Commissioner Spyhalski motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hampton seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2024
 - Commissioner Hampton motioned to adopt the previous meeting’s minutes. Commissioner Spyhalski seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Budget Report – \$6,500.00
 - There have been no expenses charges to the budget yet.
 - *B&J Invoice for Soup*: \$370.00
 - *Hy-Vee Invoice for Dessert*: estimated \$85.00
 - *Welcoming America Membership*: \$1,500.00
 - Report on MLK Event
 - Overall, the event went well! We received feedback from the community about the success of the event and how nice it was it connect with the community.
 - Feedback for Next Year:
 - More bread and desserts
 - To-Go Containers
3. **New Business**
 - a. Spanish Driver’s License Classes
 - The library is requesting \$250 for the second session of a Spanish Driver’s License Classes. This is something that the HRC assisted with last year, and it was a success. There were about 40 people at last year’s session.
 - Commissioner Holtorf motioned to allocate \$250.00 for the Spanish Driver’s License class. Commissioner Davis seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. LGBTQ+ Speaker Recommendation
 - The library requested suggestions for LGBTQ+ speakers.
 - Trish Wiechmann will ask for more details on what is needed.
 - This will be moved to next meeting’s agenda.

- c. City's Code of Conduct, HRC Code of Ordinance, and HRC Bylaws
 - The City Council oversees the ordinance.
 - We can offer suggestions to the City Council if there is anything we would like to change.
 - The HRC can adjust the Bylaws.
 - Commissioner Le suggested to have a "change log" so future members know what changes were made to the Bylaws and why.
 - Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Hampton will work on potential wording to address attendance.
- d. Citizens Addressing the Commission

There were no additional citizens present.
- e. "For the Good of the Order"
 - Commissioner Davis provided "Good of the Order" for the entire commission. Keep up the good work and let's have a great year!
- f. Commission Roundtable
- g. HRC Position Voting
 - Commissioner Spyhalski motioned to keep Commissioner Davis as Co-Chair of the HRC. Commissioner Holtorf seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Commissioner Davis.
 - Commissioner Davis motioned to keep Commissioner Spyhalski as Co-Chair of the HRC. Commissioner Le seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Commissioner Spyhalski.
 - Commissioner Davis motioned to keep Commissioner Hampton as Secretary of the HRC. Commissioner Le seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously with an abstention from Commissioner Hampton.
- 4. **Adjournment:** Commissioner Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Le seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday February 24, 2025 @ 5:30 PM.