

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2025

Present: Vickie Spyhalski, Bryan Davis, Arkaysia Hampton, An Le, and Bridget Halvorson.

Absent: Varinh Van Vugt, Miguel Garate, Denver Ritz, Trish Wiechmann, and Stephanie Holtorf.

Guest Citizens Present: Gema Alvarado Guerrero.

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. Old Business

a. Approve Current Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Davis motioned to move *Citizens Addressing the Commission* the top of new business. Commissioner Spyhalski seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – *February 24th, 2025*

Commissioner Le mentioned to adjust the minutes to reflect the correct “next meeting” date of *Monday March 31st, 2025*, which was changed following the February 24 meeting.

Commissioner Hampton motioned to adopt this change. Commissioner Davis seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Budget Report – \$4,555.17

We are anticipating the below expenses:

Welcoming America: \$1,500

Spanish Driver’s License Class: \$250

The anticipated balance (pending the above expenses): \$2,805.17

3. New Business

a. Citizens Addressing the Commission – Gema Alvarado Guerrero

Request of \$500 for Juneteenth Event – Thursday June 19th, 2025, from 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
The \$500 will go towards food and drinks – the HRC Logo will be placed on the flyer.
This will be a joint event with Austin Aspires Summer Block Parties

Collaboration with local businesses/groups to have a table at the event. Planning for 125 – 150 attendees.

Commissioner Davis motioned to contribute \$500 to the Juneteenth event. Commissioner Le seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously with abstentions from Commissioner Davis and Hampton.

b. Review/Discussion on HRC Bylaws

Commissioner Davis made a few changes within the attendance portion. Who should be contacted about absences and what happens when one-third of meetings are missed.

c. Library LGBTQ+ Speakers

Commissioner Le will follow up on this item.

d. Follow-Up Discussion/Request – Yard Signs

Commissioner Spyhalski will follow up on this item.

e. Roadmap Discussion (Document)

This will be tabled for April's meeting.

f. “For the Good of the Order”

Commissioner Davis provided “Good of the Order” for Commissioner Holtorf and Van Vugt for their work!

Commissioner Spyhalski provided “Good of the Order” to Commissioner Le for his hard work!

g. Commission Roundtable

Commissioner Davis mentioned if anyone would like to assist with Juneteenth planning to please contact him or Commissioner Hampton.

Commissioner Le shared that Austin Pride is hosting a meeting on this upcoming Thursday from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the public library.

4. Adjournment: Commissioner Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Le seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday April 28, 2025 @ 5:30 PM