

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026
City Hall- Conference Room B

Present: Vickie Spyhalski, Bryan Davis, Grady Rambaltdt, Miguel Garate, An Le, Stephanie Holtorf, Bridget Halvorson, and Varinh Van Vugt.

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 March 2, 2026
Commissioner Spyhalski motioned to approve the March 2, 2026, agenda Commissioner Le seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2026
Commissioner Le motioned to adopt the previous meeting's minutes and Commissioner Davis seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Budget Report – \$6,500 budget for 2026
No invoices have been received or paid. \$1,500 allocated for Welcoming America Membership.

3. New Business

- a. Commission elections- Chair (or Co-chairs), Vice Chair (if single Chair), and Secretary.
Commissioner Davis stated he does not plan to continue as Co-Chair for the year 2026. Commissioner Garate stated interest in being Co-Chair for the year 2026.

Commissioners Le and Holtorf stated to pause elections for Secretary. Commissioner Van Vugt made a motion to confirm Commissioners Spyhalski and Garate as Co-Chairs for 2026. Commissioner Le provided a second. The motion passed with commissioners Spyhalski and Garate abstaining.
- b. March 12 – Community Connect event at Riverland in need of volunteers for HRC table.
Commissioner Garate will be at the table from 5-6 and Commissioner Spyhalski will take the 3 -5 PM shift.
- c. Taste of Nations – No information regarding the event
- d. Future Events Planning – Discussion regarding events or future campaigns to support the community, i.e., mental wellness.
- e. Citizens Addressing the Committee

- f. “For the Good of the Order”
 - g. Commission Roundtable
 - Commissioner Le shared Austin Pride updates. Austin Pride is planning monthly coffee dates and karaoke nights.
 - Looking for Austin Pride board members.
4. Placeholder for Future Meetings
- a. Roadmap Discussion
 - b. New Brochure Creation

Adjournment: Commissioner Holtorf made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 PM
Commissioner Le provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Monday March 23, 2026 @ 5:30 PM.