

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2026
City Hall- Conference Room B

Present: Vickie Spyhalski, Miguel Garate, Grady Rambadt, An Le, Stephanie Holtorf, Bridget Halvorson, Varinh Van Vugt, Trish Wiechmann, and Oballa Oballa.

Absent: Bryan Davis and Arkaysia Hampton.

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Garate called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with a quorum present.

2. Old Business

a. Approve Current Meeting Agenda March 23, 2026

Commissioner Le motioned to approve the March 23, 2026, agenda Commissioner Holtorf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2026

Commissioner Le motioned to adopt the previous meeting's minutes and Commissioner Van Vugt 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. Report on Community Connect event that took place on March 12, 2026. There were over 500 attendees who were able to connect with many resources, hot meals and food boxes.

b. Social Media Posts. Co-chairs will be responsible for the HRC gmail account.

Commissioner Spyhalski will add commissioners Garate and Rambadt to the Facebook account.

c. 4th AVE Fest – Event will be on June 3 at Horace park. Set up starts at 3:00 PM and the event is 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Trish will send a signup out to the commissioners.

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

4. Placeholder for Future Meetings

a. Roadmap Discussion

b. New Brochure Creation

5. Adjournment: Commissioner Le made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 PM.

Commissioner Garate provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2026 @ 5:30 PM.