

Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2026

Present: Bryan Davis, Arkaysia Hampton, Grady Rambadt, Miguel Garate, An Le, Stephanie Holtorf, Bridget Halvorson, Trish Wiechmann, and Oballa Oballa.

Absent: Vickie Spyhalski 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 Le motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Davis seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2025

Commissioner Le motioned to adopt the previous meeting's minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report – \$5,500

Current Expenses

Welcoming America – \$1,000

Other Potential Budget Allocations

Revamp Voting Video

New Brochures

Reminder: Email current brochure template to Commissioner Hampton.

Website Updates

3. New Business

- Election of HRC Secretary

Commissioner Hampton nominated herself for HRC Secretary for 2026.

Commissioner Davis motioned to vote in Commissioner Hampton as HRC Secretary.

Commissioner Le seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously with abstention from Commissioner Hampton.

- Taste of Nations – sponsorship & HRC table; May 16, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Oballa and Commissioner Garate are planning to run the table for this event.

Table Registration Fee – \$50

Commissioner Davis motioned to allocate \$50 to the registration fee. Commissioner Halvorson seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously with abstention from Commissioner Garate.

Snacks – Up to \$100 – Commissioner Davis motioned to allocate up to \$100 to snacks. Commissioner Le seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4th Avenue Fest – June 3, 4:00 – 7:00 PM; setup at 3:00 PM
Trish will send out an email for sign-up.
- Underserved Populations Mental Health
Tabled for next meeting.
- Juneteenth events – partnership?
Partnership is still in the air as we await communication from Austin Aspires.
- Social Media posts – schedule?
 - May – Commissioner Davis
 - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
 - Mental Health Awareness Month
 - Taste of Nations
 - June – Commissioner Spyhalski
 - Pride Month
 - Juneteenth
- Future Events Planning
 - Possible HRC co-sponsored events
 - Riverland Events
 - Potentially sponsored speakers
 - Food Pantries
 - Spread the meaning of HRC
 - Mexican Consulate – August 8, 2026
 - Guatemala Consulate – August 15 – 16, 2026
 - Locations TBD
 - Potentially have HRC table with snacks/water.
 - Typically, around 400 people
- Citizens Addressing the Committee
 - There were no additional citizens in attendance.
- “For the Good of the Order”
 - Commissioner Davis provided good of the order to Commissioner Hampton for becoming HRC Secretary.
 - Commissioner Le provided good of the order to Commissioner Davis for leading today’s meeting.
 - Commissioner Davis provided good of the order to Oballa for his new role.

- Commission Roundtable
 - Coffee Talks at Hot off the Press – Saturday May 2, 2026
- 4. Placeholder for Future Meetings
 - a. Roadmap Discussion
 - b. New Brochure Creation
- 5. Adjournment: Commissioner Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Garate seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2026 @ 5:30 PM – **Note: this is the 3rd week due to the Memorial Day holiday**