

**Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026**

Present: Vickie Spyhalski, Arkaysia Hampton, Grady Rambadt, Miguel Garate, An Le, Stephanie Holtorf, Bridget Halvorson, and Trish Wiechmann.

Absent: Bryan Davis, Varinh Van Vugt and Oballa Oballa.

Citizen in Attendance: Christoff Dundas

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Spyhalski called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM with a quorum present.

2. Old Business

a. Approve Current Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Le motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Rambadt seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2025

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

c. Budget Report – \$5,530.18 is available

Current Expenses

1. Welcoming America Dues

2. Candy for Events

Other Potential Budget Allocations

3. Postage for Pride Sponsorship – \$223.48

Commissioner Spyhalski motioned to adopt the previous meeting's minutes.

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

3. New Business

a. Underserved Populations Mental Health

A few different mental health groups are looking host an event where they can reach out to a go-to contact for underserved populations. There are no specific requests for the HRC at the moment, but something to keep on the radar.

b. Social Media Posts

Commissioner Halvorson will make posts for the month of July.

○ 4th of July

○ Queer Pride Visibility Month

○ Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

c. Future Events Planning

- Refugee Day Celebration – Thursday July 16, 2026 – Hosted by the PRC
- The Inviting Table – Sunday June 28, 2026
- AAUW Voter Forums – No set date yet but keep this on the radar to sponsor refreshments.
- HRC Voter Registration Event
Commissioner Spyhalski, Garate, Le, and Trish will reach out to the below groups:
 - United Way
 - Clues
 - Riverland College
 - COPAL
 - Hacer
 - Indivisible
 - Austin Public Library*Proposed Date: September 15, 2026*
- Lunch with Police Chief to help build a bridge with the HRC
Commissioners Spyhalski, Garate, and Le will coordinate schedules.

d. Citizens Addressing the Committee

There were no additional topics of discussion.

e. “For the Good of the Order”

There were none provided.

f. Commission Roundtable

- This will be Grady Rambadt’s last meeting. He has accepted a new position in Rochester and will be moving out of Austin. We wish him well.

If anybody knows somebody who is interested in the HRC, they should make sure to fill out a City Boards and Commissions application or let Trish know.

- Commissioner Le shared that Pride Festival will be on Saturday October 10, 2026, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Additional Pride Events:

- *Trivia Night*: Monday June 22, 2026
- *Grand Reception*: Tuesday June 23, 2026
- *Concert*: Saturday September 12, 2026

4. Placeholder for Future Meetings

Roadmap Discussion

New Brochure Creation

5. Adjournment – Commissioner Garate motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Le seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 27, 2026 @ 5:30 PM