

WOMEN'S RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Meeting - TEAMS

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

4:00pm

MINUTES

The Women's Rights Commission met virtually at the above date and time.

The following Commissioners were present:	The following Commissioners were absent:
Patricia Warnock	Maxey Scherr
Marina Monsisvais	Isabel Chacon
Myndi Luevanos	Kathryn Lucero
Lisa Turner	
Nydia Correa; left at 4:23pm	
Elisa Morales	

AGENDA

Call to order, staff and committee introductions

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Danai Sanchez, Strategic Initiatives Manager, at 4:04 p.m.

Ms. Sanchez took attendance.

1. Discussion and action to approve the Minutes of the Women's Rights Commission Meeting of February 20, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Warnock, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** the meeting minutes of February 20, 2024.

AYES: Commissioners Luevanos, Morales, Turner, Warnock, Monsisvais and Correa

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Scherr, Chacon, and Lucero

2. Community Needs Advisory Committee (CNAC) presentation, Daniel Quinonez, Community + Human Development, City of El Paso.

No action taken on this item.

3. Discussion & Action on reappointment of representative, Commissioner

Warnock, of The Women's Rights Commission, to the Community Needs Advisory Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Luevanos, and carried to **APPROVE** the appointment of Commissioner Warnock.

AYES: Commissioners Luevanos, Morales, Warnock, Monsisvais and Correa

NAYS: Turner

ABSENT: Scherr, Chacon, and Lucero

4. Update on the Parental Leave Policy, Araceli Guerra, Managing Director, City of El Paso.

No action taken on this item.

5. Discussion and action that the Women's Rights Commission explore opportunities to attend or host conferences aligned with the mission of the commission, proposed by Commissioner Scherr.

Motion made by Commissioner Turner to **POSTPONE** the item for the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and unanimously carried.

AYES: Commissioners Luevanos, Morales, Warnock, Monsisvais and Turner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Scherr, Chacon, and Lucero

6. Presentation on the Child Care Tax Relief by Gina Martinez from Children at Risk, item proposed by Commissioner Monsisvais.

No action taken on this item.

7. Discussion and action to have the Women's Rights Commission write a letter of recommendation to the El Paso City Council in support of adopting the Child Care Tax Relief and requesting that this item be added to an upcoming regular City Council meeting, proposed by Commissioner Monsisvais.

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Warnock, and unanimously carried to **APPROVE** of drafting a letter in support of Child Care Tax Relief to the members of City Council.

AYES: Commissioners Luevanos, Morales, Turner, Warnock, Monsisvais and Correa

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Scherr, Chacon, and Lucero

8. Discussion and action on how the Women's Rights Commission can support women in a pregnancy or adoption decision, item proposed by Commissioner Correa.

Motion made by Commissioner Correa to **POSTPONE** the item for the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Turner, and unanimously carried.

AYES: Commissioners Luevanos, Morales, Warnock, Monsisvais, Turner, and Correa

NAYS:

ABSENT: Scherr, Chacon, and Lucero

9. Discussion and action on selecting a future date for the Women's Rights Commission to meet in person.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to **APPROVE** a selected date of May 14th to meet in person, seconded by Commissioner Warnock and unanimously carried.

AYES: Commissioners Luevanos, Morales, Turner, Scherr and Warnock

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lucero, Monsisvais, Chacon, and Correa

10. Discussion and action to discuss and proposed agenda items for the May meeting agenda in accordance with the strategic plan.

No action taken on this item.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Luevanos, and the motion was unanimously carried to **APPROVE** this item.

AYES: Commissioners Luevanos, Morales, Turner, Scherr and Warnock

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lucero, Monsisvais, Chacon, and Correa

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.