



**Harris County LGBTQIA+ Commission**  
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**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** the Montrose Center and Zoom (Hybrid)

**Commission Members in Attendance:** Victoria Cordova, Ramiro Fonseca, Maria Gonzalez, Brandon Mack, Kylie McNaught, Kevin Nguyen, Giovanni Rosselli and Diamond Stylz

**Absent:** Jeremy Edwards, Mo Jenkins and Brad Pritchett

**Harris County Staff:** Talya Morris and Austin Davis Ruiz

**I. Call to Order**

- a. The vice chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

- a. A community member, Allison Henry, joined the meeting to listen and learn more about how to get involved in the local LGBTQIA+ community.

**III. Commission Updates**

- a. Welcome to Mo Jenkins, the Commission's newest at-large member.
- b. With the regular session of the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature underway and potentially hectic schedules for those involved in the legislative process, there was a discussion of the Commission's bylaws on absences. There is not a leave policy, but the bylaws can be amended in the future to include one.

**IV. Cy-Fair ISD Gender Policy**

- a. Kylie McNaught, chair of the advocacy committee, volunteered to share remarks on behalf of the Commission in opposition to a gender policy being considered by Cypress-Fairbanks ISD trustees that could require staff to notify parents if

their child uses a pronoun at school other than their biological sex. The Cy-Fair ISD board met on Thursday, January 16 at 6 p.m. to vote on the policy.

- b. There was a conversation about official statements and media releases from the Commission, which prompted the need for best practices and an approval process.

## **V. Committee Updates**

### **a. Communications**

- i. Harris County staff manages the website calendar, which features Commission and committee meetings. Staff can also manually add key local LGBTQIA+ community events.
- ii. The Communications Committee will create a volunteer sign up form.

### **b. Advocacy**

- i. The target date for the Book Fair is Saturday, April 26.
- ii. Harris County Precinct 4 staff will connect Kylie McNaught with Edward Melton, the executive director of the Harris County Public Library, who expressed interest in supporting the event.
- iii. The following steps include an event budget, a run of show and a list of partners, vendors, exhibitors and activities. The run of show could potentially include book authors, tabling space for partner resources, story time for different age groups and donated books.
- iv. Kevin Nguyen shared his vendor contact information with Brandon Mack to inquire about artwork and quotes for LGBTQIA+ pins for Harris County staff. Potential sponsors will need to be identified.

### **c. Community Engagement**

- i. Jeremy Edward emailed written updates on the coalition-building efforts, which seek to have local LGBTQIA+ organizations share their priorities with the Commission.

## **VI. Harris County Sheriff's Office Policy and Law Enforcement Liaison**

- a. Harris County Precinct 4 staff will circle back on the status of department liaisons at the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

## **VII. Adjournment**

- a. The vice chair adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.