



# City of Hutto

## Agenda

### **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Commission Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM Executive Conference Room**

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#### **1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER**

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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#### **4. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF**

#### **5. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **6. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

#### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7.1. Discussion and possible action on approval of the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes.
- 7.2. Discussion and possible action on proclamations.
- 7.3. Review of DEIB Ordinance Number 0-2020-021
- 7.4. Open discussion and review of commission roles to include: Chair, Co-Chair, Committees, etc.
- 7.5. Discussion and possible action on working groups and setting a training date for Spring 2026.
- 7.6. Open discussion/items for the next meeting on January 20, 2026.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**9. CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this notice of the December 16, 2025 Hutto Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was posted on the City of Hutto website and the City Hall bulletin board of the City of Hutto on DATE before 5:00 P.M.



Kristi Barnes

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# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

## 7.1.



**To:** Diversity and Inclusion Commission  
**Subject:** Discussion and possible action on approval of the November 18, 2025 meeting minutes.  
**Meeting:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
**Department:** Community Services & Culture  
**Staff Contact:**

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

### STAFF REVIEW:

### FISCAL NOTES:

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. DEIB\_November 18, 2025\_Minutes



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**1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER: 6:07 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Corina Zepeda (absent)

Eric Bell (absent)

Bode Adeniyi

Terrance Hollingsworth

Pulkit Namjoshi (z)

Nikki Williamson

Javvi Lewis (absent)

Staff present: Abby Fenton, Communications Manager; Kristi Barnes, Community & Culture Officer

City Council Present: None

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**4. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF**

**4.1. Holiday Banquet invitation (Kristi Barnes)**

Abby Fenton, Communications Manager gave an update on conversation with Corina. Working Group Website is live. Also discussed an informal communications plan for the commission.

ETC Survey: Shorten the survey. If choosing to add a question, must replace it to keep the same length.

5. **GENERAL COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

**N/A**

6. **GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

6.1. Update on meeting with the Communications Manager, to include Working Groups announcement. (Corina Zepeda)

None

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1. Discussion and possible action on the approval of the October 23, 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion: Williamson

Second: **Namjoshi**

Motion 4-0

7.2. Discussion and possible action on appointing the Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Corina Zepeda as Chair

Motion: Williamson

Second: Bode

Motion 4-0

Co-Chair: Commissioner Nikki Williamson

Motion: Hollingsworth

Commissioner: **Adeniyi**

4-0

7.3. Discussion and possible action pertaining to the ETC Community Survey.

Add a line under “Level of Agreement with Following Statements Regarding Diversity & Inclusion”

“The city fosters a culture of belonging”

Motion: add a statement under ETC Community Survey: The City fosters a culture of belonging. (Adeniyi)

Second: Williamson

4-0

7.4. Discussion and possible action pertaining to City Council action to publish employee demographic data.

No action taken

7.5. Discussion and possible action on proclamations for December-February.

Human Rights Day (December 10)

Bring back proclamations to date for commission to review (December)

Include a list (not comprehensive) for commissioners to review next time

7.6. Open Discussion/Items for the next meeting on December 16, 2025.

-bring back items from Commissioner Zepeda

-encouraged commission to share working group application

-holiday partnership discussion (how can DEIB attend local community celebrations during this time?)

-Proclamations

-Review the strategic guide/resolution

-set a date for Spring training

8. **ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 p.m.**

**9. CERTIFICATION**

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# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

## 7.2.



**To:** Diversity and Inclusion Commission  
**Subject:** Discussion and possible action on proclamations.  
**Meeting:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
**Department:** Community Services & Culture  
**Staff Contact:**

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

<https://seramount.com/articles/category/heritage-months/>

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

### STAFF REVIEW:

### FISCAL NOTES:

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

### ATTACHMENTS:

None

# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

## 7.3.



**To:** Diversity and Inclusion Commission  
**Subject:** Review of DEIB Ordinance Number 0-2020-021  
**Meeting:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
**Department:** Community Services & Culture  
**Staff Contact:**

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### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

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1. Ordinance Number 0-2020-021 (PDF)

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-021**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF HUTTO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2-ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL-ARTICLE 2.02 BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES TO ADD DIVISION 8- SECTION 2.02.187: ESTABLISHING A DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hutto acknowledges that the history of discrimination in the United States of America continues to affect the privilege and/or lack of opportunity for people in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hutto acknowledges that equity occurs when differences such as race, ethnicity, religion, gender, economic status, sexual orientation/gender identification, veteran status, marital status, language, age, disability, etc. do not determine a person's economic, social, or political access; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hutto now holds a majority-minority status, i.e., no racial or ethnic groups comprises a majority of the City's population; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hutto is committed to recognizing and undoing discrimination of any type; and

**WHEREAS**, providing opportunities for the City and residents to engage, participate and support their community through unified and collaborative activities, programs, and collective citizen engagement, culturally diverse programs, business services, trades and entertainment is valued; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the Hutto community offer distinct perspectives, e.g., life experiences, cultural backgrounds, ideas, and interpretations, that foster creativity, innovation, and economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hutto will benefit from the identification of potential inequities in City services, programs, human resource practices, and decision-making processes; and from encouraging and empowering multicultural appreciation on the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hutto will benefit from establishing a Commission of diverse residents to address inequities that impact quality of life for identifiable communities in the City, e.g., race, ethnicity, religion, gender, economic status, sexual orientation/gender identification,

veteran status, marital status, language, age, disability, etc., as well as low-income communities in the City with regards to resource allocation, representation, health outcomes, and other disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Hutto now finds it appropriate to amend the City of Hutto Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 Administration and Personnel Article 2.02 Boards Commissions, and Authorities to add Division 8 establishing a Diversity and Inclusion Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. Findings.** The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes and findings of fact.

**Section 2. Amendment to Municipal Code of Ordinances.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Hutto, Texas, is hereby amended by amending **Chapter 2 Administration and Personnel and adding Division 8- Diversity and Inclusion Commission. (Departments, Boards and Commissions), Section 31.60 Equity Commission** as follows:

**§ 2.02.187 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION.**

**§ 2.02.188 SHORT TITLE.**

This subchapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Diversity and Inclusion Commission Ordinance of the City of Hutto, Texas.

**§ 2.02.189 DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

COMMISSION. The Diversity and Inclusion Commission of the city.

CITY. The City of Hutto.

**§ 2.02.190 CREATION; MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.**

(A) Creation. There is hereby created the Diversity and Inclusion Commission of the City.

(B) Membership.

1. All Commission members shall be appointed by the City Council and shall serve without compensation.
2. The Commission shall be composed of seven members to serve three-year terms.
3. Each candidate for appointment as a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission shall be at least eighteen (18) years old and shall have resided within the corporate city limits, or within territory annexed prior to the appointment, for at least twelve months preceding the appointment. The Diversity and Inclusion Commission shall, to the extent possible, be broadly representative of economic status, race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.

4. Commission members shall serve without compensation and shall not be employed by or hold any other position in city government. In addition to any other requirements prescribed by the City Council, members shall maintain the qualifications established by this section while in office.
5. Members of the Commission shall be limited to three consecutive full terms in office. A person who has served three consecutive full terms as a regular member may not again hold the same office until at least one term out of office has passed.
6. The term of office of Commission members is three years and shall commence on the last day of July. Initial appointments for establishment of the Commission shall be staggered and with partial terms, with three (3) members appointed with terms ending June 30, 2023 and four (4) members appointed with terms ending June 30, 2024.

#### **§ 2.02.191 ORGANIZATION.**

(A) Officers. The Commission shall elect from its members, at the first meeting of the Commission held on or after January 1 of each year, a chairman and a vice-chair, and may elect a secretary. Such officers shall hold office for terms of one year, or until their successors take office.

(B) The Commission shall establish rules of procedure consistent with city ordinances, resolutions, and regulations.

#### **§ 2.02.192 DISMISSAL FROM COMMISSION.**

(A) Commission members shall actively participate in the Commission's activities, and any member who is absent for three consecutive regular meetings of the Commission without valid excuse, as determined by the Commission, or moves one's residence outside the city limits, shall automatically be dismissed from membership.

(B) No member of the Commission shall remain in his/her position after being elected or appointed to city, county or state board or office.

#### **§ 2.02.193 COMMISSION MEETINGS.**

(A) The Commission shall hold at least one regular meeting each month and shall fix regular meeting dates at a regular meeting place. Special meetings may be called as necessary. A majority of the Commission members serving shall constitute a quorum to do business.

(B) All meetings shall be held in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act (TEX. GOV'T CODE, §§551.001 et seq.), as it now exists, or as same may hereafter be amended or codified, to the extent of its applicability to the Commission.

(C) Every regular or special meeting of the Commission shall be open to the public, except as may be authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

## § 2.02.194 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

(A) The Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity and render recommendations upon request of the City Council to include, without limitation, as follows.

- (1) Create focused recommendations specific to Hutto related to equity and empowerment issues.
- (2) Actively promote community awareness and education on the value of diversity.
- (3) Promote equity on the basis of economic status, race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, lawful source of income, physical or mental disability, familial status, sexual orientation and gender identity.
- (4) Develop recommendations for actions to strengthen policies, practices, services and programs.
- (5) Create a culture and framework of community equity, diversity and inclusion awareness efforts, programs and activities that are available and accessible to all community members.

(B) The Commission shall provide upon request of the City Council coordination, collaboration, innovation and focus to development effective solutions to address equity and empowerment issues.

(C) The Commission shall provide an annual report to the City Council by January 31 of each year and may be required to provide additional reports upon request of the City Council.

**Section 3. Repealer.** This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Hutto, and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any other ordinances of the City of Hutto except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws, the remainder of this Ordinance will not be affected and, in lieu of each illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision, a provision as similar in terms to the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision as is possible and is legal, valid, and enforceable will be added to this Ordinance.

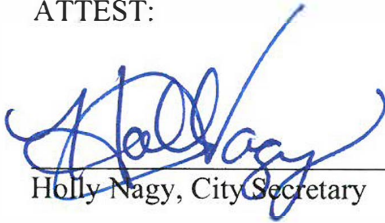
**Section 5. Effective Date.** That this Ordinance will become effective on its adoption and passage by the City Council in accordance with Section 3.13 of the City Charter.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of July, 2020.

CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS

  
By: Doug Gaul, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Holly Nagy, City Secretary



# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

## 7.4.



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**Staff Contact:**

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

### STAFF REVIEW:

### FISCAL NOTES:

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

### ATTACHMENTS:

None

# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

## 7.5.



**To:** Diversity and Inclusion Commission  
**Subject:** Discussion and possible action on working groups and setting a training date for Spring 2026.  
**Meeting:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
**Department:** Community Services & Culture  
**Staff Contact:**

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

### STAFF REVIEW:

### FISCAL NOTES:

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

### ATTACHMENTS:

None

# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

## 7.6.



**To:** Diversity and Inclusion Commission  
**Subject:** Open discussion/items for the next meeting on January 20, 2026.  
**Meeting:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025  
**Department:** Community Services & Culture  
**Staff Contact:**

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### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

### STAFF REVIEW:

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### ATTACHMENTS:

None