

Rules change concerning the Executive Committee of the Equal Opportunities Commission

In a separate Excel worksheet, the agenda items for each Executive Committee and Equal Opportunities Commission meeting from July until December last year are listed.

The EC is defined in the EOC rules as the body that sets the agenda for the Commission. If this is the case, we probably should have only 1 business agenda item to the effect of "Define the agenda for the Commission." An additional discussion agenda item might be future topics that we keep as place holders.

In the past, the EC has discussed how to address some of the agenda items rather than just putting the item on the Commission agenda. While sometimes these discussions are productive, they are often agenda items that should be addressed by the full Commission. Sometimes the EC meetings have gone for 90 or 120 minutes.

There is much repetition from month to month in the EC and EOC agendas. There has also been some lack of follow-up for a few of the agenda items. We have also had discontinuity in the membership of the Commission and in department staffing. Nevertheless, the EOC has gotten things done and is now better prepared for the future.

It has been suggested that the EC's work can be done by the EOC chair and staff with input from members of the Commission. A possible permanent agenda item for the Commission might be "Future Agenda Topics." This would be a time for all Commissioners to help define the direction of the EOC.

In this way, staff support time for our City meetings would go from 2 to 1 per month, and Commissioners would also have one fewer meeting to attend per month.

Making this change would require a vote to remove the EC from the EOC rules.