



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
September 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Austin Energy, Mueller Assembly Rm 1111a (115).
4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than Noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Jesús Varela at jesus.varela@austintexas.gov or at 512-974-2444.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Gina Houston - Chair, Acia Gray - Vice Chair, Keyheira Keys, Monica Maldonado, Felipe Garza, Heidi Schmalbach, Muna Hussaini, Celina Zisman, Faiza Kracheni, Sharron B Anderson, Nagavalli Medicharla

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Arts Commission Regular Meeting on August 18, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation on future funding by Dr. Lilia Rosas of Red Salmon Press
3. Presentation on a nomination to the Rally Austin Board of Directors by Theresa Alvarez, President and CEO of Rally Austin.
4. Presentation on the 2026 Bond Measure by Eric Bailey, Deputy Director, Capital Delivery Services.

5. Update on actions taken at the September 17th Art in Public Places Panel by Commissioner Schmalbach
6. Update on actions taken at the September 17th Downtown Commission meeting by Commissioner Houston
7. Discussion on Arts Commission Roles including Bylaws

STAFF BRIEFINGS

8. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
9. Staff briefing regarding update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
10. Staff briefing on the Artist in Residence Program for Our Future 35 by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
11. Staff briefing regarding an update on Art in Public Places by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager.
12. Staff briefing on the recommended changes to Ordinance Chapter 7-2 per Resolution No. 20250306-029 by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

13. Approve the Final Design for the Duncan Park Art in Public Places Project –Andre Fuqua.
14. Approve the Final Design for the Givens Pool Art in Public Places Project – Melissa Borrell.
15. Approve the Final Design for the Montopolis Pool Art in Public Places Project – Britt Johnson.
16. Approve the update to the Art in Public Places Panel’s process to select two new panel members.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

17. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Schmalbach, and Gray(chair).
18. Update from the Community Feedback on most recent release of the Cultural Funding Programs Working Group with Commissioner’s Schmalbach, Houston, Keys, and Anderson (Chair).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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