REGULAR CALLED MEETING of the ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM, #1101
301 W 2ND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

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Public Speakers: Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak once, either in-person or remotely, and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. If participating remotely by telephone, a speaker must register no later than noon the day before the meeting. To register to speak remotely, contact Lizette Benitez at (512) 974-2915 or lizette.benitez@austintexas.gov.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Chair William Ross Pumfrey	Vice-Chair Brittany Sharkey	Secretary Adam Materne
Patrick Keel	Brian McGiverin	Luis Figueroa
District 5 – Vacancy	Jordan Preddy	William King
Haksoon Andrea Low	Wallace Lundgren	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There is no limit on the number of speakers who may speak on agenda items. There is a limit on the number of speakers who may speak on items not posted on the agenda—only the first ten speakers who register prior to the meeting being called to order will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address non-agenda items. For more information on public communication, please see the "**Notice Regarding Public Communication**" at the end of this agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve amendments to the minutes of the Ethics Review Commission Regular meeting on June 25, 2025.

2. Approve the minutes of the Ethics Review Commission Regular meeting on August 28, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Ethics Review Commission may announce it will go into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel on any matter listed in this agenda.

BRIEFINGS

3. Briefing from Executive Liaison, Caroline Webster, on a draft ordinance proposing amendments to City Code Sections 2-7-27 (*Limit on the Commission's Jurisdiction*) and 2-7-71 (*Definitions*).
4. Staff briefing from Staff Liaison, Lizette Benitez, on established Ethics Review Commission working groups.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Consideration, discussion, and potential action regarding:

5. Set and adopt the Ethics Review Commission regular meeting calendar for 2026.
6. Discussion and possible approval of a draft ordinance proposing amendment to City Code Sections 2-7-27 (*Limit on the Commission's Jurisdiction*) and 2-7-71 (*Definitions*), with representatives from the City Auditor's office available to answer relevant questions from the Commission.
7. Discussion and possible action to keep, dissolve, merge, rename, or change membership of established Ethics Review Commission working groups, including discussion and possible action to clarify and possibly expand the scope, purpose, and goals of the Working Group to Review the ERC Complaint Process to include a comprehensive review of all Ethics Review Commission rules and to make any corollary changes to the name and or membership of that working group.
8. Update from the Working Group to Review the ERC Complaint Process (Commissioners Low, Materne, and Preddy).
9. Discussion and possible action regarding issues identified by the Working Group to Review the ERC Complaint Process: Review of concerns and recommendations related to the complaint process as outlined in the Ethics Review Commission Rules and Procedures document.
10. Update from the Working Group to Review and Revise ERC bylaws (King, Pumfrey, and Sharkey).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Ethics Review Commission, please contact Caroline Webster at (512) 974-1353. For the 2024 meeting schedule, agendas, and additional information about the Commission, see: Ethics Review Commission | AustinTexas.gov

ERC STANDARD PUBLIC COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS

NOTICE Regarding Public Communication

Sign-in required: If appearing in person at the meeting, please sign in to speak with the staff liaison prior to the meeting being called to order. Please indicate the item or items on the agenda on which you are speaking if you are speaking on an agenda item. A speaker who fails to indicate an agenda item on which the speaker desires to speak will be called to speak during **Public Communication**.

Time Limits: Speakers are limited to a maximum time limit of three minutes per speaker. A time period of six minutes will be allowed for a speaker who addresses the Commission through a translator or a speaker who needs accommodation for a disability.

Public Communication Speakers: A maximum of ten people may speak during Public Communication, at the beginning of the meeting on any topic, which are non-agenda items. Speakers will be called in the order in which the speaker signed up.

Public Communication or Public Testimony on a Numbered Agenda Item: A speaker who signs up to speak on a numbered agenda item will be called to speak at the beginning of the meeting, or secondly, at the beginning of the agenda item and will be called in the order in which the speaker(s) signed up. Speaker comments must be relevant to the agenda item.