



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
December 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001.
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

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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 November 17, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Update on actions taken at the December 1st Art in Public Places Panel by Commissioner Schmalbach

3. Update on actions taken at the November 19th Downtown Commission meeting by Commissioner Houston
4. Discussion and possible recommendations to Spanish language contracts for Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment (AACME) grants
5. Discussion on creating technical workshops at Cultural Centers

STAFF BRIEFINGS

6. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
7. Staff briefing regarding update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
8. Staff briefing regarding an update on the AACME Funding Programs by Laura Odegaard, Acting Division Manager, AACME.
9. Staff briefing regarding an update on Art in Public Places by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

10. Approve a recommendation to support of Rally Austin 2026 Bond Proposal.
11. Approve a recommendation to City Council for recommended updates to the Art in Public Places Ordinance, Guidelines and Policies per City Council Resolution No. 20250306-029. Presentation by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager, Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment
12. Action to reconvene the selection panel to recommend one new panel member for the Art in Public Places Panel.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

13. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Schmalbach, and Gray (chair).
14. Update from Arts Commission Bylaws Working Group with Commissioners Houston, Garza, Keys, and Anderson (Chair)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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