



**REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21, 2026, 5:30 P.M.
AUSTIN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 1001
301 W 2ND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

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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, contact Christi Vitela at Christi.Vitela@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-2792.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Ishmael, *Chair*
Rebecca Bernhardt
Pat Buchta
David Carroll
Kevin Chen
Liz Coufal
Jennifer Franklin
Nkiru Gelles
Gina Houston

Kimberly Levinson, *Vice Chair*
Nathan McDaniel
Charles Peveto
Nancy Pollak
Sania Shifferd
Joe Silva
Philip Wiley

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten 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 Downtown Commission Regular Called meeting on December 17, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation regarding the Downtown Density Bonus Program Update by Alan Pani, Planner Principal, Austin Planning.
3. Presentation from the Downtown Austin Alliance on goals, trends, and challenges. Presentation by Davon Barbour, President & CEO, Downtown Austin Alliance.
4. Update on the status of the Hideout Theater. Presentation by Jessica Arjet, Owner/Youth Programs Director, Hideout Theater.
5. Update on the City of Austin Cultural Arts Funding as discussed at recent Arts Commission meetings.
6. Discussion of the Central City District Plan.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Approve the formation of a working group to provide recommendations on the Central City District Plan.
8. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding Two-Way Streets in the Downtown Area.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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