



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
March 23, 2026, 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, VACANT - Vice Chair, Keyheira Keys, Monica Maldonado, Felipe Garza, Heidi Schmalbach, Kirtana Banskota, Muna Hussaini, Bailey Pownall, 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 February 23, 2026.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Update on actions taken at the March 2, 2026 Art in Public Places Panel by Commissioner Schmalbach.
3. Update on actions taken at the March 11, 2026 Downtown Commission meeting by Commissioner Houston.
4. Discussion of the TEMPO on the Trail 2025-2026 Artist Final Designs Presentation by Mandi Thomas, Chief Operating Officer, The Trail Conservancy.
5. Report from Mayor's Public Places Task Force by Commissioner Garza.
6. Update on meeting with Acting Director of Austin Convention Center, Katy Zamesnik, by Commissioner Anderson.
7. Discussion on creating technical workshops at Cultural Centers.
8. Discussion on The Long Center contract review.
9. Discussion of the Arts in Public Places ordinance update.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

10. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
11. Staff briefing regarding update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
12. Staff briefing regarding an update on the ACME Funding Programs by Laura Odegaard, Acting Division Manager, ACME.
13. Staff briefing regarding an update on Art in Public Places by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

14. Discussion and approval on the 2027 Budget Recommendations
15. Discussion and possible action to elect new Vice Chair.
16. Approve at least one member to the Working Group on Urban Core Issues.
17. Approve a recommendation for edits to the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Art in Public Places Project Art Call.
18. Approve a recommendation for the Shared Streets Art in Public Places Project Art Call.
19. Approve a recommendation for the Northeast Service Center (NESC) Administrative Building Suspended Artwork Art in Public Places Project Art Call.
20. Approve a recommendation for the William Cannon Corridor Art in Public Places Project Final Design.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

21. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Schmalbach (chair).
22. Update from Arts Commission Bylaws Working Group with Commissioners Houston, Garza, Keys, and Anderson (Chair).
23. Update from Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment (ACME) Funding Appeals Working Group with Commissioners Anderson and Hussaini.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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