



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.
AUSTIN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 1001
301 W 2ND ST.
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 Ryan Sperling, 512-974-3568, ryan.sperling@austintexas.gov

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

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

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 meeting of March 11, 2026.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Briefing regarding updates to the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. Presentation by Chris Ryerson, Division Manager and Evelyn Mitchell, Planner Principal, Austin Planning.
3. Briefing regarding Downtown Density Bonus Phase I Updates. Briefing by Nicholas Smith, Planner Senior and Stevie Greathouse, Capital Program Consultant, Austin Planning.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Presentation providing a general update on progress and plans for the new Austin Convention Center. Presentation by Katy Zamesnik, Interim Director, Austin Convention Center.
5. Presentation regarding the Red River Cultural District's economic impact on the downtown area. Presentation by Nicole Klepadlo, Executive Director, Red River Cultural District.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve a recommendation to Council regarding renaming Cesar Chavez Street.
7. Conduct officer elections for Chair and Vice Chair.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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