REGULAR MEETING of the TOURISM COMMISSION BOARD
WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2026, AT 2:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 1001
300 W. 2ND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Some members of the Tourism Commission may be participating by videoconference. The meeting may be viewed online at: http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live

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 Felicia Burleson, (512) 978-1325 or felicia.burleson@austintexas.gov

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Bailey, Chair, D5
Greg Chanon, D2
Francisco "Cisco" Gamez, D1
Stefani Mathis, D8
Dani Pruitt, D3
Catherine Whited, D9
Cristina Masters, Vice Chair, D10
Bishop Chappell, D6
Sophia Gonzalez, D4
Anna Panossian, Mayoral
Maxwell "Max" Pearce, D7

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 Tourism Commission Board Regular Meeting on April 8, 2026

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Briefing from Staff Liaison Felicia Burleson regarding the recent commission vacancy that has been filled, updates and introduction related to new liaison assignments, and an overview of upcoming meetings and key deadlines.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation by the Austin Police Association (Police Union) on officer perspectives related to downtown public safety, staffing realities, and how frontline conditions impact the visitor experience and special event support. Presentation by **Michael Bullock, President**
4. Presentation by the Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations regarding an overview of the City's council-approved strategic plan to address homelessness and to understand how this work intersects with Austin's visitor experience. Presentation by **Natasha Ponczek, Business Process Consultant**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve the creation of a working group to **Hotel Occupancy Tax (H.O.T.) Grant Programs Working Group.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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The next Tourism Commission meeting will be on June 10, 2026.