



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 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
Joe Silva
Jennifer Franklin

Kimberly Levinson, *Vice Chair*
Nathan McDaniel
Charles Peveto
Sania Shifferd
Bat Taniguchi
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 April 15, 2026.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Update on the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and progress towards 50/50 Mode Share. Presentation by Cole Kitten, Division Manager, Austin Transportation and Public Works.
3. Update regarding the new convention center. Presentation by Katy Zamesnik, Interim Director, Austin Convention Center.

4. Presentation regarding the Red River Cultural District's economic impact on the downtown area. Presentation by Nicole Klepadlo, Executive Director, Red River Cultural District.
5. Update regarding Arts Commission activities and concerns related to the Downtown Commission's scope.
6. Update regarding Public Safety Commission activities and concerns related to the Downtown Commission's scope.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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