



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
June 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM
Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001.
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

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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 Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment (ACME), at jesus.varela@austintexas.gov or at 512-974-2444.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Gina Houston - Chair, Muna Hussaini - Vice Chair, Keyheira Keys, Monica Maldonado, Felipe Garza, Heidi Schmalbach, Kirtana Banskota, 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 May 18, 2026.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation by Dr. Claudia Zapata on the Artist in Residence Program offered by ACME and Transportation and Public Works (TPW) titled “Memorias Project 2026: An Immersive Art Experience Based on Austin's Mexican American Communities.”
3. Update on actions taken at the June 1st Art in Public Places Panel by Commissioner Schmalbach.
4. Update on actions taken at the May 20th Downtown Commission meeting by Commissioner Houston.
5. Explore a Special Called joint meeting with the Music Commission.
6. Discussion on organizations possibly receiving duplicate ACME awards.
7. Discussion on stipends amounts at City owned galleries.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

8. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
9. Staff briefing regarding update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
10. Staff briefing regarding an update on the ACME Funding Programs by Laura Odegard, Acting Division Manager, ACME.
11. Staff briefing regarding an update on Art in Public Places by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager.
12. Staff briefing regarding an update on ACME Museums and Cultural Facilities by Marjorie Flanagan, Division Manager and Michelle Rojas, Acting Division Manager.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

13. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation to explore a possible collaboration with Coalition for Austin’s Arts & Spanish-Language Theatre for the expansion of the Latino Artist Access Program.
14. Discussion and possible action to approve a recommendation to council on Circuit of the Americas agreement with RIDA Hotel, LLC.
15. Approve a recommendation for the AFD 53 / ATCEMS 42 Goodnight Ranch Art in Public Places Project Final Design.
16. Approve a recommendation for the Austin Convention Center Redevelopment (Phase 1) Art in Public Places Project Final Design.
17. Discussion and possible action to establish a Deaccession Jury to review Art in Public Places artwork *Crosswalk on the Lake*. Presentation by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager.
18. Discussion and possible action to approve the Annual Review and Report to Council

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

19. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Schmalbach (Chair).

20. Update from Arts Commission Bylaws Working Group with Commissioners Houston, Garza, Keys, and Anderson (Chair).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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