



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 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
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Kimberly Levinson, Vice Chair)
Charles Peveto
Joe Silva
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Bat Taniguchi
Philip Wiley
Gina Houston

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 June 17, 2026

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation regarding progress on the I-35 expansion. Presentation by Christiana Astarita, IH-35 Capital Express Central, Downtown Project Manager; and Tommy Abrego, IH-35 Capital Express Central, University Project Manager.
2. Presentation regarding the opening of The Confluence. Presentation by John Rigdon, Chief Planning and Design Officer, Waterloo Greenway.

3. Presentation regarding Urban Pulse Mapping's program for urban forest mapping. Presentation by Andrew Lane, Founder, Urban Pulse Mapping.
4. Update on Parks & Recreation Board activities related to Downtown Austin.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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