



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
September 21, 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, 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 July 20, 2026.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Update on actions taken at the August 3rd and September 14th Art in Public Places Panels by Commissioner Schmalbach.

3. Update on actions taken at the August 19th Downtown Commission meeting by Commissioner Houston.
4. Presentation on Creek Show by Stephanie Bergara, Senior Manager of Community Engagement & Programs at Waterloo Greenway.
5. Presentation by Austin Creative Alliance on their organization and function.
6. Discussion on Hispanic Quality of Life recommendations.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

7. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Jesús Pantel, ACME Cultural Funding Supervisor.
8. Staff briefing regarding update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, ACME Cultural Funding Supervisor.
9. Staff briefing regarding an update on the ACME Funding Programs by Laura Odegaard, ACME Division Manager, Cultural Affairs & Investments.
10. Staff briefing regarding an update on Art in Public Places by Jaime Castillo, ACME Art in Public Places Manager.
11. Staff briefing regarding an update on ACME gallery spaces by Marjorie Flanagan, ACME Division Manager, Cultural Education & Programs

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

12. Discussion and possible action to plan an Arts Commission Retreat
13. Establish a Fiscal Sponsorship working group to better understand the different Fiscal Sponsorship types.
14. Discussion and possible action of the Art in Public Places Panel Guidelines and Associated Policies Working Group. Presentation by Art in Public Places Guidelines and Associated Policies Working Group.
15. Approve a recommendation for the Northeast Service Center: Campus Sculptures Art in Public Places Project Art Call.
16. Approve a recommendation for the AFD / ATCEMS Davenport Ranch Station Art in Public Places Project Final Design.
17. Approve a recommendation for the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Art in Public Places Project Artist Selection.
18. Discussion and possible action to establish a Deaccession Jury to review Art in Public Places artworks at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Presentation by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager.

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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