

## Boards and Commissions Survey

The Transition Taskforce was introduced as a resolution by Council on November 21, 2013. Please see the resolution here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=201464>

The taskforce met between February-April and briefed Council on April 8<sup>th</sup> & May 13<sup>th</sup>. Council received a hand delivered copy of the report on May 5<sup>th</sup> and Council staff received an electronic copy the same day. B&C Chairs were emailed a copy of the report on May 6<sup>th</sup> which is found here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=209716>

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Council passed a resolution regarding the Transition Taskforce Report. A copy of the resolution can be found at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=210348>

The resolution directs the following:

- Direct the City Clerk to bring an ordinance implementing the recommendations of Section 1 of the Transition Taskforce Report. For details of Section 1, please see pages 6-7 of the report.
- Direct the City Manager to post a public hearing at the August 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting regarding Sections 2-4 of the Transition Taskforce Report.
- The resolution also directed the Clerk's office to solicit feedback from all BC members prior to the public hearing.

If a Board or Commission chooses to provide feedback as a group, the staff liaison will respond to the online survey based on feedback provided at the meeting by entering comments in response to the 4 sections detailed below:

**Section 1. Transition Work Group:** This section consists of the Transition Plan, which provides recommendations for a transitional period to allow the new Council to nominate members and allows the new members an opportunity to complete training and be brought up to speed on issues facing their commission. It also provides recommendations on potential updates to Chapter 2-1 that apply to all boards and commissions.

Feedback on Section 1:

**Section 2. B&C Work Group (non-Planning and Zoning Related):** This section of the report provides recommendations for changes to membership and purpose to boards and commissions that are not typically involved with planning and zoning issues. In addition, the Task Force has included recommendations for a few potentially new or joint commissions.

Feedback on Section 2:

**Section 3. Planning and Development Review Department Work Group:** This section of the report provides recommendations for streamlining and business process improvements for the boards and commissions that are involved with planning and zoning issues.

Feedback on Section 3:

**Section 4. Diversity and Recruitment Work Group:** This section of the report provides recommendations on ways to increase diversity throughout the boards and commissions by expanding recruiting efforts through the use of technology and other tools.

Feedback on Section 4: