



Board of Adjustment Meeting August 17, 2021

(Versión en español a continuación)

Board of Adjustment to be held August 17, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications

Public comment will be allowed via telephone; no in-person input will be allowed. **All speakers must register in advance (Aug 16, 2021 by noon)**. All public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting.

To speak remotely at the **August 17, 2021** Board of Adjustment Meeting, members of the public must:

- Call or email the board liaison at **512-974-2202** or elaine.ramirez@austintexas.gov no later than noon, **(Aug 16, 2021 the day before the meeting)**. The following information is required: speaker name, item number(s) they wish to speak on, whether they are for/against/neutral, email address and telephone number (must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).
- Once a request to speak has been made to the board liaison, the information to call on the day of the scheduled meeting will be provided either by email or phone call.
- Speakers must call in at least 15 minutes prior to meeting start time in order to speak, late callers will not be accepted and will not be able to speak.
- Speakers will be placed in a queue until their time to speak.
- Handouts or other information may be emailed to elaine.ramirez@austintexas.gov by noon the day before the scheduled meeting. This information will be provided to Board and Commission members in advance of the meeting.
- If the meeting is broadcast live, it may be viewed here:
<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>

Reunión del Board of Adjustment - FECHA de la reunion (August 17, 2021)

La junta se llevará con modificaciones de distanciamiento social. Se permitirán comentarios públicos por teléfono; no se permitirá ninguna entrada en persona. Todos los oradores deben registrarse con anticipación (**Aug 16, 2021** antes del mediodía). Todos los comentarios públicos se producirán al comienzo de la reunión.

Para hablar de forma remota en la reunion **August 17, 2021**, los miembros del público deben:

- Llame o envíe un correo electrónico al enlace de la junta en **512-974-2202** o elaine.ramirez@austintexas.gov a más tardar al mediodía (**August 16, 2021 el día antes de la reunión**). Se requiere la siguiente información: nombre del orador, número (s) de artículo sobre el que desean hablar, si están a favor / en contra / neutral, dirección de correo electrónico (opcional) y un número de teléfono (debe ser el número que se utilizará para llamar).
- Una vez que se haya realizado una solicitud para hablar con el enlace de la junta, la información para llamar el día de la reunión programada se enviará por correo electrónico o por teléfono.
- Los oradores deben llamar al menos 15 minutos antes del inicio de la reunión para poder hablar, no se aceptarán personas que llamen tarde y no podrán hablar.
- Las oradoras esperarán en una fila hasta que llegue el momento de hablar.
- Los folletos u otra información pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a elaine.ramirez@austintexas.gov antes del mediodía del día anterior a la reunión programada. Esta información se proporcionará a los miembros de la Junta y la Comisión antes de la reunión.
- Si la reunión se transmite en vivo, se puede ver aquí: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>



BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Training Session
August 17, 2021
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

The Board of Adjustment training session on **August 17, 2021, due to current situation with COVID-19 will be held virtually.**

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| ___ Thomas Ates | ___ Agustina Rodriguez |
| ___ Brooke Bailey | ___ Richard Smith |
| ___ Jessica Cohen (Chair) | ___ Michael Von Ohlen |
| ___ Melissa Hawthorne (Vice Chair) | ___ Nicholl Wade |
| ___ Barbara McArthur | ___ Kelly Blume (Alternate) |
| ___ Rahm McDaniel | ___ Carrie Waller (Alternate) |
| ___ Darryl Pruett | ___ Vacant (Alternate) |

CALL TO ORDER 1:00 PM

A. TRAINING SESSION

A-1 Board of Adjustment Deep Dive: Key Topics & Issues

A-1.1 Overview (Brent, w/ Chris & Elaine)

A-1.1.1 General Background

- The history of BOAs & their role in zoning
- Creation of Austin's BOA
- What BOAs do:
 - Variances
 - Special Exceptions
 - Appeals

A-1.1.2 Variances: Criteria for Approval & Other Considerations

- What constitutes a "hardship"?
- When is a property deprived of "reasonable use"?
- What does it mean to alter "area character"?
- Variance conditions – what are they for and when are they appropriate?
- New state legislation affecting BOA variance criteria?

A-1.1.3 Special Exceptions

- What are they, and how are they different from variances?
- Austin's use of special exceptions?

A-1.1.4 Administrative Appeals

- What's an appeal, and how is it different than a variance or exception?
- Considerations unique to appeals.

A-2 Issues Specific to Residential Review (Susan Bar, w/ Elaine & Chris)

- Subchapter F (Residential Design & Compatibility)
- Other issues

A-3 Environmental & Lake Austin Issues (Liz Johnston w/ Keith)

- Lake Austin Regulations
- Heritage Tree Issues
- Related topics

A-4 General BOA Process (Elaine Ramirez, w/ Diana, Chris & Brent)

B. **ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications *will be provided upon request*. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. **If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 2 days before the meeting date**. *Please call* or email Board Liaison Elaine Ramirez, Development Services, at 512-974-2202 / elaine.ramirez@austintexas.gov or Board Secretary Diana Ramirez, Development Services, at 512-974-2241 / diana.ramirez@austintexas.gov, for additional information; *TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711*.

For more information on the Board of Adjustment, please contact Board Liaison, Elaine Ramirez, Development Services, at 512-974-2202 / elaine.ramirez@austintexas.gov