



**ARTS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**January 31, 2022 AT 6:00 PM**

**Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001  
301 W 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

Some members of the Arts Commission may be participating by videoconference.

The meeting may be viewed online at:

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**Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone.** Speakers may only register to speak on an item once, either in-person, or remotely and will be allowed up to three (3) minutes to provide their comments. Speakers wishing to participate remotely by telephone are required to register in advance no later than noon the day before the meeting.

**To register to speak remotely email or call Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis at**  
[annemarie.mckaskle@austintexas.gov](mailto:annemarie.mckaskle@austintexas.gov), 512-974-7854 by noon on Sunday, January 30, 2022.

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

Michelle Polgar – Chair, Celina Zisman – Vice Chair, Brett Barnes, Jaime Castillo, Lulu Flores, Felipe Garza, Acia Gray, kYmberly Keeton, Amy Mok, Heidi Schmalbach, Rick Van Dyke

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first 10 speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approve the minutes for the regular Arts Commission meeting on:
  - i. December 15, 2021

**2. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a. Updates - Council Action on ARPA Funding; Equity WG; Reminder of Equity Resources; Communication
- b. Art in Public Places Liaison Report - Commissioner Barnes
- c. AEDC/Cultural Trust Advisory Committee Report – Carl Settles
- d. Downtown Commission Report – Commissioner Keeton

**3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- a. Ground Floor Theatre – Lisa Scheps, Founder & Co-Artistic Director

#### **4. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. ARPA and Non-Profit Relief Funding Update – Laura Odegaard, Cultural Investment Program Manager
- b. Hotel Occupancy Tax Update – Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Economic Development Department Director
- c. Cultural Funding Review Process Update – Meghan Wells, Cultural Arts Division Manager

#### **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Cultural Funding Review Process
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Working Groups and Working Group Updates
  - i. Equity Working Group with Community Arts leaders of the BIPOC/LGBTQIA/Disabilities Community/Women with Commissioners Keeton (chair) and commissioners Castillo, Gray, Polgar and community members
  - ii. Joint Working Group for Joint Cultural Committee with Commission Chair Polgar, Commissioner Castillo (chair) and working group members from the Quality of Life Commissions
  - iii. Joint Music/Arts Commission Working Group to identify additional funding resources and strategies beyond HOT with Commissioner Schmalbach (chair), and Commissioners Castillo, Flores, Zisman and members from the Music Commission
  - iv. Quarterly Arts Community Commission Meet-ups Working Group with Commissioners Barnes, Castillo (chair), Garza and Gray
  - v. Emergency Funding and Proactive Strategies for Future Funding Working Group with Commissioners Flores, Polgar, Schmalbach, Van Dyke, and Zisman (chair)
  - vi. Art Neighborhoods Working Group with Commissioners Gray, Mok, Zisman, and Van Dyke (chair)
  - vii. Public Private Partnership (P3) working group with Commissioners Barnes (Chair), Schmalbach, Flores and Mok

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. AIPP discussion and action items
  - i. Approve the prospectus for the Dove Springs Public Health Facility Art in Public Places Project
  - ii. Approve the prospectus for the Comal Pocket Park Art in Public Places Project
- b. Misc. Discussion and Possible Action Items
  - i. Appoint New Arts Commission Liaison to the Downtown Commission
  - ii. Items to take forward to Downtown Commission
  - iii. Forging a Healthy Creative Economy: the Path Forward
  - iv. Schedule Arts Commission Retreat
  - v. Fiscal Sponsorship

#### **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

#### **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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For more information on the Arts Commission, please contact Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis at 512-974-7854.