



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023**

The following represents the actions taken by the Austin City Council in the order they occurred during the meeting. While the minutes are not in sequential order, all agenda items were discussed. The City Council of Austin, Texas, convened in a regular meeting on Friday, January 6, 2023 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

**Presentation of Colors by the Austin Fire Department Honor Guard and the Emergency Service Pipes and Drums Association.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Star Spangled Banner – Alyssa Harris**

**Invocation – Chaplain Creola Shaw Burns, Austin Police Department**

Administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council Members for Mayor, District 1, District 3, District 5, District 8, and District 9 of the Austin City Council.

**The Honorable Sherry Statman administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Watson and Council Members Harper-Madison, Velásquez, Ryan Alter, Ellis, and Qadri.**

**Mayor Watson called the Council Meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.**

1. Election of the Mayor Pro Tem.  
**The motion to elect Council Member Ellis as Mayor Pro Tem for the calendar year 2023 ending on December 31, 2023 and Council Member Pool as Mayor Pro Tem for the calendar year 2024 ending with the election of the next Mayor Pro Tem in 2025 was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Alter's motion, Council Member Harper-Madison's second without objection.**

**Remarks were made by Mayor Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Ellis, Council Members Harper-Madison, Velásquez, Ryan Alter, Ellis, and Qadri.**

**America the Beautiful – Alyssa Harris**

**Benediction – Chaplain Creola Shaw Burns, Austin Police Department**

**Mayor Watson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023 on consent without objection.**