



**MUSIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
3 April 2023**

The Music Commission convened in a regular meeting on 3 April 2023, at City Hall Council Chambers Room 1001, 301 W 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701 at 6:30pm.

Chair Patterson called the Music Commission Meeting to order at 6:34p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chair Anne-Charlotte Patterson, Vice Chair Nagavalli Medicharla, Secretary Oren Rosenthal, Leonard Davila

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Shane Bartell, Lauryn Gould, Chaka Mahone, Celeste Quesada, Scott Strickland, Stuart Sullivan

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Jeanie Ramirez addressed the Commission about SXSW Spin magazine and pay to artists. Jerry Avila, Prime Time Tejano, addressed the Commission to advocate for funding for a music event on Tejano Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Music Commission Meeting from March 6, 2023. The minutes from the meeting of March 6, 2023, were approved on Secretary Rosenthal's motion, Commissioner Strickland's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Mahone joins the meeting at 6:47pm. Commissioner Pike was absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding SXSW City-sponsored shows and other 2023 programs by Erica Shamaly, Division Manager, Music & Entertainment Division, Economic Development Department.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion of Chair's Report regarding the welcoming of new members.
4. Live Music Fund update by Erica Shamaly, Division Manager, Music & Entertainment Division, Economic Development Department. Commissioner Bartell left the dais at

7:34pm. Commissioner Bartell re-joined the dais at 7:36pm. Commissioner Bartell left dais 7:39pm. Commissioner Bartell returns 7:41pm.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and possible action on musician loading, unloading, and parking. Commissioner Quesada leaves dais 7:50pm. Commissioner Mahone leaves the dais 7:56pm. No action taken.
6. Discussion and possible action on Music Commission budget recommendations for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Mahone rejoins dais 8:05pm. 3 budget items from working group: 1- support AEDC in requesting \$2.5M/year for 10 years to help preserve and create new creative space from general fund; 2- 1,600 musicians not able to go to paid gigs during ice storm due to no power, if musicians can show they have lost revenue, estimate that every 2 years will need \$1.6M due to weather and power failures, want funding source to be from Austin Energy budget - provide relief to musicians when lose gigs to weather or emergencies \$800,000/year “stormy day fund” 3- support City’s paid musician performance plan this year had \$60K budget and want to increase to \$90K. Chair Patterson motions to pass the 3 recommendations. Commissioner Strickland seconds. Commissioner Mahone returns to dais 8:18pm. Chair Patterson amends motion for recommendation 1 to be for \$2.5M for FY 2024. Commissioner Gould seconds. Recommendation is approved on Chair Patterson’s motion and Commissioner Gould’s second with a 8-1-0 vote. Commissioner Mahone abstains.
7. Conduct officer elections for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Parliamentarian. Chair Patterson announces she is stepping down as Chair. Chair Patterson nominates Vice Chair Medicharla as Chair. Commissioner Davila seconds. Vice Chair Medicharla is elected as Chair with on a 8-1-0 vote. Commissioner Mahone abstains. Commissioner Rosenthal nominates Commissioner Patterson as Vice Chair. Chair Medicharla seconds. Chair Patterson is elected as Vice Chair in a 8-1-0 vote. Commissioner Sullivan abstains. Vice Chair Patterson nominates Secretary Rosenthal as Parliamentarian, Commissioner Strickland seconds. Secretary Rosenthal is elected as Parliamentarian on a 9-0 vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following future agenda items are made on Vice Chair Patterson’s motion and Commissioner Gould’s second:

- Discussion and possible action following update from Joint Arts and Music Land Group
- Discussion and possible action on musician parking following presentation by staff
- Discussion and possible action following SXSW presentation including musician pay
- Discussion and possible action following recap of joint arts and music meeting Saturday – need 7 commissioners

Chair Medicharla motions to adjourn and Chair Stickland seconds. The Music Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the May 1, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Strickland's motion and Davila's second, and a unanimous vote. Commissioner Bartell was absent.