



***TOURISM COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
9, AUGUST 2023***

The TOURISM COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 9, AUGUST 2023, at 301 w. Second St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair, Daniel Ronan called the TOURISM COMMISSION Meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioners Ed Bailey, Greg Chanon, Stefani Mathis, John Riedie, Daniel Ronan, and Christian Tschoepe

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioners Mike Cannatti, Rachel Magee, and Anna Panossian

Board Members/Commissioners Absence:

Commissioner Aileen Bazan

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the TOURISM COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING on July 12, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of 7/12/2023 were approved on Vice Chair Bailey's motion and Commissioner Mathis's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Aileen Bazan was absent, and Commissioner Greg Chanon was off the dais.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Felicia Ojeda, Staff Liaison, present brief announcements regarding the Tourism Commission board

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Presentation by Pasty Dolan Bouressa, LCSW, Executive Director of SIMS Foundation
4. Presentation by Wayne Miller & Mike Swinney with Virtual Austin Music Museum

5. Presentation by Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Director of Economic Development Department and Erica Shamaly, Division Manager of the Music & Entertainment with EDD, regarding live music funding and grant programs
6. Presentation by Nagavalli Medicharla, Chair of the Music Commission, regarding the music commission board

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

7. Discussion and possible action of the Tourism Commission Road Map
  - a. The motion to approve the Tourism Commission Road Map on August 9, 2023, was approved with the following friendly amendment on motion by Commissioner Riedie seconded by Commissioner's Tschoepe on a (8-1) vote. The friendly amendment from Commissioner Chanon was to approve the Tourism Commission Road Map, however, striking the questions under the monthly topics proposed. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Commissioner Tschoepe, who seconded the motion.
  - b. Those members voting aye were Chair Ronan, Vice Chair Bailey, and Commissioners Chanon, Cannatti, Mathis, Riedie, Tschoepe and Panossian. Those voting nay were Commissioner Magee. Commissioner Aileen Bazan was absent.
8. Discussion and possible action of the Annual Internal Review for submission to the City Clerk's Office
  - a. The motion to approve the Annual Internal Review on August 9, 2023, was approved on Commissioner Riedie's motion and seconded by Vice Chair Bailey on a 9-0 vote. Commissioner Aileen Bazan was absent.

**WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

9. Commissioner Magee presented final update from the TPID working group that concluded and dissolved the working group.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Riedie request the Austin Convention Center Department to discuss the RFQ of the Community Engagement Contract

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Panossian and seconded by Commissioner Riedie. Chair Ronan adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m. with a (9-0 vote).**

**The minutes were approved at the September 13, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Chanon's motion, Commissioner Panossian's second on a (9-0) vote.**