



***TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
8, NOVEMBER 2023***

The TOURISM COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 8, NOVEMBER 2023, at 301 w. Second St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair, Daniel Ronan called the TOURISM COMMISSION Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioners Greg Chanon, Bishop Chappell, Rachel Magee, Stefani Mathis, Anna Panossian, Daniel Ronan, and Christian Tschoepe

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioners John Riedie

Board Members/Commissioners Absence:

Commissioners Ed Bailey, Aileen Bazan, and Mike Cannatti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the TOURISM COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING on October 11, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of 10/11/2023 were approved on Commissioner Chanon's motion and Commissioner Chappell's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Mathis was off the dais. Commissioners Ed Bailey, Aileen Bazan, and Mike Cannatti were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Felicia Ojeda, Staff Liaison, had no announcements regarding the Tourism Commission board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation by Aaron Lack, President of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 433 along with Member and Musician, Chuck Anastasiou
4. Presentation by Rob Baxter, President of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), Local 205

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and possible action on the Tourism Commission meetings for 2024 calendar
 - a. The 2024 Calendar was approved on Commissioner Panossian's motion and Commissioner Chanon's second with an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Cannatti, Bailey and Bazan were absent.
 - b. The board approved to meet every 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2:30pm-4:30pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. Discussion how to make Austin a Destination City
7. Discussion in labor as it relates to Corporate Philanthropy and Cultural Philanthropy
8. Invite an Economist that can breakdown what the actual tourism economy is in Austin.
9. Safety in Entertainment District, like Rainy Street District to have EMS or FIRE easy access for emergencies in crowded areas.

WORKING GROUPS

10. Presentation by Commissioner Chappell regarding the Short-Term Rentals Working Group assessment report.
 - a. Members of the Working Group (October 2023- November 2023) included Commissioners Chappell, Tschoepe, Mathis, Riedie, and Ronan. Also, Ryan Puzycki.
 - b. Members update (November 2023- present) include Commissioners Chappell, Tschoepe, Mathis, Panossian, and Riedie. Also, Ryan Puzycki.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Mathis and seconded by Commissioner Magee. Chair Ronan adjourned the meeting at 3:57p.m. with an (8-0) vote.

The minutes were approved at the January 10, 2024 meeting on Commissioner Chanon's motion, Commissioner Panossian's second on a (7-0) vote.