



**Regular Called Meeting of the Economic Prosperity Commission
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 6:30pm
City Hall, Boards & Commissions Room 1101
301 W. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas**

Some members of the Economic Prosperity Commission may be participating by videoconference. Audio is recorded.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Cesar Garza and Stephanie Calderon at the Economic Development Department: cesar.garza@austintexas.gov and stephanie.calderon@austintexas.gov or 512-974-8055 (Cesar Garza).

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONERS:

Laura Dixon, Mayor (Watson)	Vacant, District 6 (Kelly)
Christiana Ponder, District 1 (Harper-Madison)	Amy Noel, District 7 (Pool)
Benjamin Salazar, District 2 (Fuentes)	Luis Osta Lugo, District 8 (Ellis)
Raquel Valdez Sanchez, District 3 (Velasquez)	Tina Cannon, District 9 (Qadri)
Michael Nahas, Vice Chair, District 4 (Vela)	Kelsey Hitchingham, Chair, District 10 (A. Alter)
Vacant, District 5 (R. Alter)	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Economic Prosperity Commission Regular Meeting on November 15, 2023.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation by Raul Alvarez regarding the Community Advancement Network and how this organization expands economic opportunities for the Austin area.
3. Discuss the City of Austin Budget Officer's FY 2024-2025 budget calendar. The deadline for City Boards and Commissions to submit budget recommendations is March 31, 2024.
4. Various reminders for commission members: most recent City email password security update, City Manager's survey, and having ongoing dialogues with appointing councilmembers about commission priorities.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

5. Presentation by April Geruso, City of Austin Planning Department, about updating the 2012 Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and possibly approve the appointment of an Economic Prosperity Commission representative to support the development and implementation of the Imagine Austin comprehensive engagement process.
6. Discuss and possibly approve the appointment of a second Economic Prosperity Commission representative on the City of Austin Joint Sustainability Committee. The commission designated Commissioner Amy Noel as its first Sustainability Committee representative in 2023.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

7. Updates from Jobs, Procurement, and Infrastructure working groups on established focus for each group and initial findings specific to the working group.
8. Working groups are asked to identify one budget recommendation per group for discussion and possible action at the March 20, 2024 commission meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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