



**REGULAR MEETING of the
JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE (JIC)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. CST
CITY HALL, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RM #1101
301 W. 2ND STREET, AUSTIN, TX 78701
MEETING AGENDA**

This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, and some members of the Commission may be participating in a videoconference. 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 at the beginning of the meeting. **Remote speakers must register in advance (February 27th by 12pm-Noon CST). To speak or attend remotely, residents must contact the Equity Office's Community Services Program Coordinator, Alejandra Mireles, no later than 12pm-noon (CST) on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024. Please telephone call at (512) 974-8045 and/or email alejandra.mireles@austintexas.gov.** To register to speak remotely, the required registration information includes 1) the speaker's name, 2) the item number(s) they wish to speak on, 3) whether they are for/against/neutral, email address, and 4) the telephone number the speaker will be using to participate (it must be the same number that will be used to call into the meeting).

CURRENT JIC MEMBER COMMISSIONS & REPRESENTATIVES:

Member Commission:	Primary Representative:	Alternate Representative:
African American Resource Advisory Commission	Serita Fontanesi	<i>Antonio Ross</i>
Asian American Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission	Sonny Sin	<i>Nayer Sikder</i>
Commission for Women	Julie Glasser	<i>Rebecca Austen</i>
Commission on Aging	Richard Bondi (Vice-Chair)	<i>Teresa Ferguson</i>
Commission on Immigrant Affairs	Melissa Ortega	<i>Jose Caceres</i>
Early Childhood Council	Leonor Vargas	<i>Eliza Gordon</i>
Hispanic/Latino Quality-of-Life Resource Advisory Commission	Amanda Afifi (Chair)	<i>Ivana Neri</i>
Human Rights Commission	Morgan Davis	<i>Muneeb "Meebs" Aslam</i>
LGBTQ+ Quality-of-Life Advisory Commission	Charles Curry	<i>Melissa Taylor</i>
Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities	Jennifer Powell	<i>Lira Ramirez</i>

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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The first ten 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 COMMITTEE's REGULAR MEETING on January 24th, 2024.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff Briefing from *Austin Transit Partnership* on latest developments regarding Austin Light Rail. (Presenters: Lisa Storer, Program Manager, Sustainability and Design, Alvin Livingstone, SVP Engineering, and Yannis Banks, Public Involvement Manager)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Alyssa Gooch, Development Coordinator of *American Gateways*, with a 2023-2024 program update and 2024-2025 budget request.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action item on passing a JIC Recommendation for a City of Austin Resolution Calling for a Ceasefire in the Middle East. (*Sponsored by Commissioners Melissa Ortega and Muneeb "Meebs" Aslam*)
5. Discussion and possible action item on passing a JIC Recommendation on Combating Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Anti-Arab Sentiments in the City of Austin and promoting a peaceful resolution for all. (*Sponsored by Commissioners Melissa Ortega and Sonny Sin*)
6. Discussion and possible action item on passing a JIC Recommendation on Transparent Hiring in Executive Leadership. (*Sponsored by Commissioners Melissa Ortega and Sonny Sin*)
7. Review and discuss the scope of all current working groups and possible action to update membership.

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

8. Budget Workgroup - updates from the last workgroup meeting on issues related to FY25 and policy matters pertaining to their assignment (*Budget Workgroup Members: Commissioners Richard Bondi, Charles Curry, and Hanna Huang*).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT:

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For more information on the **Joint Inclusion Committee**, please contact Alejandra Mireles at (512) 974-8045 or (preferably) via email at alejandra.mireles@austintexas.gov.