



**Special CALLED MEETING of the AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY  
COMMISSION**

**March 19, 2024, at 5:30 pm.**

**City of Austin Permitting and Development Center  
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr.  
Room 1401/1402  
Austin, Texas 78752**

Some African American Resource Advisory Commission members may participate in a video conference.

Public comment will be allowed in person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once, in person or remotely, and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration by telephone for remote participation is required by noon the day before the meeting.

Call or email Florinda Bryant at 512.974.2715 [florinda.bryant@austintexas.gov](mailto:florinda.bryant@austintexas.gov) to register to speak remotely.

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONERS:**

*Elaina Fowler, Chair (District 10)*  
*Daryl Horton, (Appointee)*  
*Mueni Rudd (District 2)*  
*Dr. Chiquita Eugene (District 5)*  
*Serita Fontanesi (District 7)*  
*Joi Harden (District 9)*  
*Greg Smith (ARA Appointee)*

*Cherelle Vanbrakle, Vice Chair (District 4)*  
*Dewi Smith (District 1)*  
*Anthony Jackson (District 3)*  
***Vacant** (District 6)*  
*Antonio Ross (District 8)*  
***Vacant** (AAUL Appointee)*  
*Nelson Linder (NAACP Appointee)*  
*Roger Davis (GABC Appointee)*

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

The first ten speakers signed up before 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 African American Resource Advisory Commission Special Call Meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
2. Approve the minutes of the Committee's Regular Called Meeting on February 6, 2024.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Anne Gatlin Hayes, CTO of Austin Economic Development Corporation, will provide an update on Blocks 16 and 18.
4. Cara Berton, Equity-Based Preservation Plan draft sharing.
5. Chris Duran, Sr Research Analyst; Julie Smith, Community Engagement Specialist with the Housing Department; and Leslie Boyd, Interim Public Health Manager II with Austin Public Health, will share Federal funding priorities for a five-year strategic plan.
6. Amanda Johnston, Executive Director of Torch Literary Arts, will share information on the organization and the 2024-2025 budget request.
7. Kim Wright, Manager of Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex, provides updates on the complex, including impact and budget needs.
8. Azeem Edwin will share a presentation by American Gateways on the services they provide that improve the quality of life for the immigrant community in Austin.
9. Sue Spears, Bethany Cemetery Association presentation on needs of the organization/cemetery and 2024-2025 budget requests.
10. Chase Wright, Hungry Hill presentation on 2024-2025 budget requests.

## **WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

11. Budget Workgroup - updates from the workgroup, including committee members and budgeting related to the FY25 budget. (*Budget Workgroup Members: Commissioners Elaina Fowler, Greg Smith, and Dewi Smith*).
12. Strategic Planning Workgroup - updates from the last workgroup meeting on the strategic plan related to their assignment (*Strategic Planning Workgroup Members: Commissioners Dewi Smith, Serita Fontanesi, Elaina Fowler, and Mueni Rudd*).

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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For more information on the African American Resource Advisory Commission, please call Florinda Bryant at 512.974.2715.