



AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
April 2, 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 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 Regular Meeting on February 6, 2024.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation of “The State of Black Austin – Black Paper 2024” by Meme Styles and Chas Moore
3. Presentation on potential Austin Texas Poet Laureate Program by KB Brookline
4. Presentation of the needs of the Bethany Cemetery Organization/Cemetery for FY25 by Sue Spears.
5. Presentation from Chase Wright, on Hungry Hill for 2024-2025 budget requests.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve African American Resource Advisory Budget Recommendations to Council FY25 Approved Strategic Planning Retreat and Effectiveness next steps.

WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

7. 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.