



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
September 24, 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 Linda Hayes at (512) 974-6282 [Linda.Hayes@austintexas.gov](mailto:Linda.Hayes@austintexas.gov) to register to speak remotely.

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONERS:**

*Serita Fontanesi, Chair (District 7)*  
*Daryl Horton, (Appointee)*  
*Mueni Rudd (District 2)*  
*Dr. Chiquita Eugene (District 5)*  
*Elaina Fowler (District 10)*  
*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)*  
*Kyron Hayes (AAUL Appointee)*  
*Vacant (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 Meeting on August 6, 2024.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Presentation by Matthew Schmidt, Program Manager III, Economic Development Department on development Phase 1 Kick-Off in response to Resolution No. 20210902-048.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. The 2012 Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, and possible action to appoint a representative to support the Imagine Austin comprehensive engagement process (Evelyn Mitchell, Planning Department).
4. Vote on a representative for the African American Cultural Heritage District Phase 1 Kick-Off in response to Resolution No. 20210902-048.
5. Discussion and action to add Transportation and Public Safety to the AARAC By-Laws as a pillar to the quality of life of the African Americans in Austin led by Commissioner Dewi Smith, District 1.
6. Vote on new calendar commission meeting dates.

### **STAFF BRIEFING**

7. Briefing by Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Director of the City of Austin Economic Development Department, on the City's August budget process and on the department's Global Business Expansion, Small Business, Cultural Arts, Music and Entertainment, Workforce and Childcare, and Support Service divisions.

### **WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

8. 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*).
9. 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 Linda Hayes at (512) 974-6282.