



**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2024**

The Downtown Commission convened the regular meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 301 W. 2nd Street in hybrid meeting format.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

August Harris, Chair
Ralph E Ishmael Jr., Vice-Chair
David Carroll
Carl Larosche
Kimberly Levinson
Sania D. Shifferd

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY

Liz Coufal
Tania Ortega

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harris called the meeting of the Downtown Commission to order at 5:33 pm.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Downtown Commission regular called meeting on August 21, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting on 08/21/2024 were approved on Commissioner Levinson's motion, Vice Chair Ishmael's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Lavigne was absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. Staff Briefing regarding safety issues and a yearly overview of the Downtown Area Command by Craig Smith, Commander, Austin Police Department and Christopher Juusola, Lieutenant, Austin Police Department.

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2. Staff briefing regarding the Equity Based Preservation Plan's path to adoption by Cara Bertron, Program Manager II, Planning Department.

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4. Staff Briefing on the Nightlife and Entertainment Services Program by Brian Block, Nightlife and Entertainment Services Manager, Development Services Department.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harris adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm without any objection.

The minutes were approved at the October 16, 2024, meeting on Commissioner Levinson's motion, Vice Chair Ishmael's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Lavigne was off the dais. Commissioners Breton and Ortega were absent.