



***TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
12, FEBRUARY 2025***

The TOURISM COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR meeting on 12, FEBRUARY 2025, at 301 w. Second St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair, Daniel Ronan called the TOURISM COMMISSION Meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioners Ed Bailey, Greg Chanon, Bishop Chappell, Anna Panossian, Daniel Ronan, and Christian Tschoepe

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Commissioner Stefani Mathis

Board Members/Commissioners Absence:

Aileen Bazan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the TOURISM COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING on December 11, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting of 12/11/2024 were approved on Commissioner Chanon's motion and Commissioner Tschoepe's second on an 7-0 vote. The vote was unanimous.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff Liaison, Felicia Burlison briefed on updates regarding the vacancy and city policy and guidelines and updates for commissions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Tom Noonan, President & CEO, Visit Austin presented an updated and outlook for Austin's 2025 Tourism industry. Other presenters from Visit Austin included Steve Genovesi, Executive Vice President and Shelley Hall, Vice President of Marketing.
4. Tim Fennell, Tourism Director – Economic Development & Tourism at the Office of the Governor of Texas, presented on Travel Texas outlook for Tourism in Texas and its implications for Austin in 2025.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

5. Update from Commissioner Chappell with the Short-Term Rental Working Group progress with their conversation with the Mayor Watson's office. Also, City Council will be voting on STR recommendations at next February meeting.

Chair Daniel Ronan adjourned the meeting at 4:04pm. Motioned by Commissioner Panossian and seconded by Commissioner Chanon.

The minutes were approved at the March 12, 2025 meeting on Commissioner Chanon's motion, Commissioner Panossian's second on a (6-0) vote. Vote was unanimous.

