



**DESIGN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025**

The Design Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Chair Salinas called the Design Commission meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

*Jon Salinas, Chair
Josue Meiners, Vice Chair
Ramachandra “Rao” Aradhyula
David Carroll
Nkiru Gelles
Evgenia “Jenny” Murkes
Brendan Wittstruck*

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Kevin Howard – Commissioner Howard joined the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission regular meeting on May 19, 2025.
The minutes from the meeting of 05/19/2025 were approved on Commissioner Wittstruck’s motion, Vice Chair Meiners’ second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Howard and Murkes were off the dais. Commissioners Khan, Ladner, and McKinney were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation and discussion regarding Staff’s response to Resolution 20241121-073 on Bird Friendly Design. Presented by Leslie Lilly, Watershed Protection Department.

The presentation was made by Leslie Lilly, Watershed Protection Department.

3. Presentation and discussion regarding the update to the Urban Design Guidelines. Presented by Jorge Rousselin, Planning Department.

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4. Discussion of analysis on the Design Commission's recommendations and the final approved Downtown Density Bonus Program projects from the past ten years.

The item was discussed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and action to select Downtown Density Bonus Program projects from the past ten years to conduct analysis on the Design Commission's recommendation and the final approved project. Sponsors: Chair Salinas and Vice Chair Meiners.

The motion to select the Downtown Density Bonus Program Project 307 E 2nd St to conduct analysis on the Design Commission's recommendation and the final approved project was approved on Commissioner Carroll's motion, Commissioner Wittstruck's second, on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Khan, Ladner, and McKinney were absent.

The motion to select the Downtown Density Bonus Program Project Hanover Republic Square to conduct analysis on the Design Commission's recommendation and the final approved project was approved on Commissioner Gelles' motion, Vice Chair Meiners' second, on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Khan, Ladner, and McKinney were absent.

6. Select a representative for the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board per [City Code §2-1-172](#).

No action was taken.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

7. Update from the representative of the Downtown Commission regarding the meeting on May 21, 2025, and June 18, 2025.

Update was given by Commissioner Gelles.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and action to select a member for the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group. Sponsors: Chair Salinas and Commissioner Wittstruck.

Staff briefing regarding the inclusion of West Campus into the Downtown area. Sponsors: Chair Salinas and Vice Chair Meiners.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. without objection.

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