



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER  
ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM  
301 W. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

Some members of the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center may be participating by videoconference.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, contact Michelle Rojas, 512-974-3771, [Michelle.Rojas@austintexas.gov](mailto:Michelle.Rojas@austintexas.gov).

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**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to 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 Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center regular meeting of November 5, 2025.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing on November, December, and January programs, marketing and outreach efforts, and updates on signature event planning. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)  
Presenter(s): Olivia Tamzarian, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Marketing & Outreach Representative, Austin Arts Culture, Music and Entertainment & Michelle Rojas, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Manager, Austin Arts Culture, Music and Entertainment

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Update on Phase 2 Construction Project. (Sponsors: Quintana, Sanchez)  
Presenter(s): Heidi Tse, Capital Delivery Project Manager, Austin Capital Delivery Services
4. Community update outlining the history of the Latino arts community and City of Austin funding programs. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)  
Presenter(s): Morgan Messick, Economic Development, Assistant Director, Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment & Laura Odegaard, Program Manager III, Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment
5. Presentation by community members on their experience with Cultural Arts funding. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)  
Presenter(s): Luis Ordaz, Hector Ordaz of Proyecto Teatro, Raquel Rivera of SUREM Dance, and Guicha Gutierrez of CasaCostura
6. Presentation by past participants on their experience with the ESB MACC Latino Arts Residency Program. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)  
Presenter(s): Luis Ordaz, Hector Ordaz of Proyecto Teatro and Dr. Roen Salinas of Aztlan Dance Company

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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