



**MUSIC COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
5 May 2025**

**The Music Commission convened in a regular meeting on May 5, 2025, in the Austin City Hall Council Chambers at 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Austin, TX 78701.**

**Chair Nagavalli called the Music Commission Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Chair Nagavalli Medicharla, Vice-Chair Pedro Carvalho, Secretary Scott Strickland, Parliamentarian Joe Silva, Cornice Price, Celeste Quesada, Nelson Aguilar, Clayton England, Tami Blevins

**CALL TO ORDER**

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE**

Buffalo Hunt

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

1. Mandy Rowen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Music Commission Meeting on March 3 and April 7, 2025. **The minutes from the meeting of March 3, 2025 were not approved on Commissioner Carvalho motion, Commissioner Price second on a 7-0 vote. Parliamentarian Silva and Secretary Strickland abstained due to absence of March 3 meeting.**

**The minutes from the meeting of April 7, 2025 were not approved on Commissioner Carvalho motion, Commissioner Price second on a 9-0 vote.**

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Live Music Fund collections briefing by Kim McCarson, Program Manager, Music & Entertainment Division, Economic Development Department. **Erica Shamaly gave presentation in Kim McCarson's absence.**

3. 2024 Austin Live Music Fund Statistics report briefing by Erica Shamaly, Music & Entertainment Division Manager, ACME.
4. Cultural Funding Community Engagement briefing by Candice Cooper, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Arts, Culture, Music & Entertainment (ACME) and Erica Shamaly, Music & Entertainment Division Manager, ACME. **Presentation was given by Morgan Messick in Candice Cooper's absence.**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5. Input on recent increase in number of performance rights organizations and their licensing revenue distribution practices with update from Michael Collins, Broadcast Media Inc.
6. Airport Music Program following presentation by Commissioner Strickland.
7. Artist in Residence Program at New Downtown Development following presentation by Megan Mills and Alex Perkins, Paseo ATX.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

8. Conduct elections for officers; Chair, Vice Chair, Parliamentarian and Secretary for 2025-2026 term.

#### ***Vice-Chair***

**Chair Medicharla nominated Pedro Carvalho as Vice-Chair with a second by Commissioner Price. The nomination was approved with a 9-0 vote.**

#### ***Secretary***

**Commissioner Strickland nominated himself as Secretary with a second by Commissioner Price. The nomination was approved with a 9-0 vote.**

9. Select a music commission representative for Downtown Commission vacancy. **Parliamentarian volunteered as Music Commission representative for Downtown Commission with a second from Commissioner Strickland. The nomination was approved with a 9-0 vote.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Musical Performance**

**Approval of meeting minutes**

**Live Music Fund collections briefing**

**FY24 Austin Live Music Fund briefing**

**Performance rights organizations and their licensing revenue distribution practices**

**Texas Women's Songwriting Festival**

**Airport Music and Entertainment programming**

**Commissioner Strickland motions to approve future agenda items with a second by Commissioner Quesada.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Strickland motions to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Price without objection. Meeting is adjourned at 8:08p.m.**

**The minutes were approved at the June 2, 2025 meeting on Commissioner Blevin's motion, Commissioner Aguilar second on a 8-0 vote.**