



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM
301 W. 2ND 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.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

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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 January 7, 2026.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on January and February programs, marketing and outreach efforts, signature event planning, and staffing updates. (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: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)
Presenter(s): Heidi Tse, Capital Delivery Project Manager, Austin Capital Delivery Services
4. Discussion on FY26-27 budget priorities regarding building operations, programming, and event planning. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)
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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Presentation and recommendation by Iván Dávila, Chair of the Coalition for Austin's Arts & Spanish-Language Theatre (CAAST) and members of CAAST's Advisory Committee, regarding a proposed increase to the Latino Artist Access Program (LAAP) budget for Fiscal Year 2027. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)
Presenter(s): Iván Dávila, Chair of the Coalition for Austin's Arts & Spanish-Language Theatre (CAAST) and members of CAAST's Advisory Committee

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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