



***DESIGN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025***

The Design Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025, at the Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405, located at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Chair Salinas called the Design Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

*Jon Salinas, Chair
Ramachandra “Rao” Aradhyula
David Carroll
Kevin Howard
Saira Khan
Evgenia “Jenny” Murkes
Brendan Wittstruck – Commissioner Wittstruck joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.*

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

*Josue Meiners, Vice Chair
Marissa McKinney*

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission regular meeting on June 23, 2025.
The minutes from the meeting of 06/23/2025 were approved on Commissioner Carroll’s motion, Commissioner Aradhyula’s second, on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Wittstruck was off the dais. Commissioners Gelles and Ladner were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding the update to the Urban Design Guidelines. Presented by Jorge Rousselin, Planning Department.
The presentation was made by Jorge Rousselin and Stephen Crews, Planning Department.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion of the draft Urban Design Guidelines.
The item was discussed.
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 outcomes. Sponsors: Chair Salinas and Vice Chair Meiners.
The motion to select the Downtown Density Bonus Program project 321 W. 6th St to conduct analysis on the Design Commission's recommendation, and the final approved project was approved on Commissioner McKinney's motion, Chair Salinas' second, on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Gelles and Ladner were absent.
6. Discussion and action to select a member for the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group. Sponsors: Chair Salinas and Commissioner Wittstruck.
The motion to select Commissioner Gelles as a member of the Urban Design Guidelines Working Group was approved on Commissioner Howard's motion, Chair Salinas' second, on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Gelles and Ladner were absent.
7. Select a representative for the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board per [City Code §2-1-172](#).
The motion to select Commissioner McKinney as the representative for the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board was approved on Chair Salinas' motion, Commissioner Howard's second, on a 9-0 vote.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

8. Update from the representative of the Downtown Commission regarding the meeting on July 16, 2025, and August 20, 2025.
No update was given.
9. Update from the representative of the Joint Sustainability Committee regarding the meeting on June 25, 2025.
No update was given.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the 10/27/2025 meeting on Commissioner Aradhyula's motion, Vice Chair Meiners' second, on a 9-0-2 vote. Commissioners Gelles and Ladner abstained.