



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026, AT 5:30 PM
PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER ROOM 1406
6310 WILHELMINA DELCO DR
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Some members of the African American Resource Advisory Commission 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 Nekaybaw Watson, 512-974-2562, nekaybaw.watson@austintexas.gov.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Daryl Horton, *Chair*
Alexandria Anderson
Sophia Dozier
Kyron Hayes
Nelson Linder
Justin Parsons
Mueni Rudd
Emmy Weisberg

Dr. Chiquita Eugene, *Vice Chair*
Roger Davis
Joi Harden
Antony Jackson
Kenneth Loyde
Antonio Ross
Greg Smith

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten 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 African American Resource Advisory Commission regular meeting on February 3, 2026.

STAFF BRIEFING

2. Update from Austin Equity and Inclusion regarding the Levers of Economic Mobility Index. Presentation by Gary Aaron, Business Process Consultant Sr., Austin Equity and Inclusion, and Shivani Datar, Business Process Specialist, Austin Equity and Inclusion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation from Mama Sana Vibrant Woman regarding the FY 2026-2027 budget recommendations. Presentation by Cherelle VanBrakle, Co-Executive Director of Development, Mama Sana Vibrant Woman.
4. Presentation from the Paramount Theater regarding the renovations and preservation of the African American history in the theater. Presentation by Maica Jordan, Chief Development Officer, Paramount and State Theaters.
5. Discussion and update regarding the Social Services Framework presented at last JIC meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the support and funding of American Gateways in the FY 2026- 2027 Budget
7. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the support and funding of the Career, Research, Learning and Development Institute (CARLDI) in the FY 2026-2027 budget.
8. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the funding for social services in the FY 2026-2027 Budget.
9. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the support and funding for Mama Sana Vibrant Woman in the FY 2026-2027 Budget.
10. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the support and funding of an Austin Multicultural STEM Symposium in the FY 2026-2027 Budget.
11. Approve a Recommendation to Council regarding the support and funding for Voting Accessibility in the FY 2026-2027 Budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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