



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

**The African American Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at the Permitting and Development Center Room 1406.**

Chair Horton called the African American Resource Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Daryl Horton, *Chair*  
Dr. Chiquita Eugene, *Vice Chair*  
Alexandria Anderson  
Roger Davis  
Sophia Dozier  
Justin Parsons  
Emmy Weisberg

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Joi Harden  
Kyron Hayes  
Antony Jackson  
Mueni Rudd  
Greg Smith

**Commissioners Absent:**

Nelson Linder  
Kenneth Loyde  
Antonio Ross

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**Cherelle VanBrakle – Mama Sana Vibrant Woman**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the African American Resource Advisory Commission regular meeting on January 6, 2026.

**The minutes from the meeting of January 6, 2026, were approved on Commissioner Parsons' motion, Commissioner Davis' second on a 10-0 vote. Vice Chair Eugene and Commissioner Rudd were off the dais. Commissioners Linder, Loyde, and Ross were absent.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Presentation by American Gateways regarding successes with the City of Austin and a request for the prioritization of immigration funding in the FY26-27 budget. Presentation by Rebecca Lightsey, Co-Executive Director, American Gateways.

**The presentation was made by Rebecca Lightsey, Co-Executive Director, American Gateways.**

3. Presentation by Communities in School of Central Texas regarding the outcomes and data from the recent Harvard Education Redesign economic mobility study. Presentation given by Sharon Vigil, Chief Executive Officer, Communities in School of Central Texas.

**The presentation was made by Sharon Vigil, Chief Executive Officer, Communities in School of Central Texas.**

4. Discussion regarding updates on the progress of the Election Mobilization Project.  
**Update was given by Vice Chair Eugene.**

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

5. Update from the Budget Working Group regarding their first planning meeting.  
**Update was given by Commissioners Anderson, Dozier and Parsons.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Discussion on detention and immigration for Black Austinites**

**Create a WG for Election Mobilization Project**

**Update on Mission Accomplished for finding a space.**

**Chief Davis to give an update on APD's relationship to ICE and the African American Austinites crime rate.**

**Full presentation from Mama Sana Vibrant Woman**

**Presentation from Community Powered ATX to speak on immigration and ICE.**

**The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. was approved on Vice Chair Eugene's motion, Commissioner Smith's second without objection.**