



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.

**PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER - EVENT CENTER, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM 1406
6310 WILHELMINA DELCO DR.**

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78752

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.

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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 (ESB-MACC) regular meeting of February 4, 2026.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on the Teen Camino’s programs Breaking Barriers event and The Big We event hosted by the Asian American Resource Center in collaboration with A3 Art Alliance Austin. (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 AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Presentation and recommendation to support Academia Cuahtli's FY 2026–2027 budget recommendation of \$130,000 and the creation of a full-time Program Director position. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)
Presenter(s): Dr. María Del Carmen Unda, Co-Convener, Academia Cuahtli, Postdoctoral Fellow, The University of Texas at Austin
4. Approve a recommendation and letter to City Council on FY27 budget. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)
5. Approve a request for a \$515,000 increase to the FY2027 Latino/a/e Artist Access Program (LAAP) budget to support dedicated technical and marketing staff capacity; fund essential lighting and sound infrastructure upgrades; and expand cohort size and capacity-building support. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)
6. Create a LAAP Working Group to collaborate on the redesign of the program, including the review of contracts, policies and procedures; oversight of equipment and inventory; advisement on technical matters; staff training on proper use of equipment; and collaboration on room and space buildouts, as well as support continuity, institutional knowledge, and ongoing communication. (Sponsors: Herrera, Reyna)
7. Create a Strategic Planning and Partnership working group to strengthen the long-term sustainability, visibility, and impact of the Cultural Center by guiding strategic direction and cultivating high-value partnerships. (Sponsors: Castro, Herrera)

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8. Update from the Grand Re-opening Working Group regarding planning and logistics for the reopening. (Sponsors: Reyna, Castro)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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