



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 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:

Angelica Navarro (D-8), Chair
Hilario “Larry” Amaro (D-10), Member
Noemi Castro (D-2), Member
Alexander “Al” Duarte (D-7), Member
John Estrada (D-3), Member
Cynthia “Cy” Herrera (D-5), Member

Lillian “Lily” Zamarripa-Saenz (Mayor), Vice Chair
Lynda Quintana (D-6), Member
Raul “Roy” Reyna (D-1), Member
Selma Sanchez (D-9), Member
Vacant (D-4), Member

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 March 25, 2026.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on March and April 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. Update on future Capital Improvement Project (CIP) plan regarding the replacement of the hot water line. (Sponsors: Reyna, Castro)
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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Conduct officer elections for the Chair and Vice Chair. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)
6. Approve a letter of support to City Council on the naming of a space at the Mexican American Cultural Center after Vanessa Guillen. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)
7. Reactivate the Awards of Excellence Working Group to discuss nominations for 2026 awardees, selection committee, assistance with event planning, and details of set up and breakdown to provide support for MACC staff. (Sponsors: Estrada, Reyna)
8. Create a Latino/a/e Artist Access Program (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)
9. 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

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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