



REGULAR MEETING of the ARTS COMMISSION
April 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM
Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 1001.
301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

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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, call or email Jesús Varela at jesus.varela@austintexas.gov or at 512-974-2444.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Gina Houston - Chair, VACANT - Vice Chair, Keyheira Keys, Monica Maldonado, Felipe Garza, Heidi Schmalbach, Kirtana Banskota, Muna Hussaini, Bailey Pownall, Faiza Kracheni, Sharron B Anderson, Nagavalli Medicharla

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 Arts Commission Regular Meeting on March 23, 2026

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Update on actions taken at the April 6th Art in Public Places Panel by Commissioner Schmalbach

3. Update on actions taken at the April 15th Downtown Commission meeting by Commissioner Houston
4. Update on the Downtown Austin Space Activation (DASA) Artist Residency Program, presentation by Cat Carter, DASA Artist Resident
5. Presentation on possible collaboration for expansion of the Latino Artist Access Program by Ivan Davila

STAFF BRIEFINGS

6. Staff briefing on ACME-Long Center contract review by Morgan Messick, Assistant Director, ACME.
7. Staff briefing regarding an update on the Hotel Occupancy Tax by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
8. Staff briefing regarding update on the Cultural Arts Funding Programs by Jesús Pantel, Cultural Funding Supervisor.
9. Staff briefing regarding an update on the AACME Funding Programs by Laura Odegaard, Acting Division Manager, AACME.
10. Staff briefing regarding an update on Art in Public Places by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Manager.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

11. Conduct officer elections for Chair and Vice Chair.
12. Approve a recommendation for updates to the Art in Public Places Ordinance, Guidelines and Policies per City Council Resolution No. 20250306-029. Presentation by Jaime Castillo, Art in Public Places Program Manager, Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment.
13. Approve a recommendation for the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport West Gate Expansion Sculptural Seating (formerly Playscape) Art in Public Places Project Final Design.
14. Approve the recommendations by the Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment (AACME) Funding Appeals Working Group.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

15. Update from joint Arts/Music Commission Working Group on Urban Core Issues with Commissioners Schmalbach (chair).
16. Update from Arts Commission Bylaws Working Group with Commissioners Houston, Garza, Keys, and Anderson (Chair)
17. Update from Austin Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment (AACME) Funding Appeals Working Group with Commissioners Anderson and Hussaini

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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