



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

**The African American Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Permitting and Development Center.**

Chair Anderson called the African American Resource Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Alexandria Anderson, *Chair*  
Dr. Chiquita Eugene  
Roger Davis  
Sophia Dozier  
Emmy Goss Weisberg  
Daryl Horton  
Nelson Linder  
Patrick Miller  
Greg Smith

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

Joi Harden  
Kyron Hayes  
Antony Jackson  
Mueni Rudd

**Commissioners Absent:**

Justin Parsons, *Vice Chair*  
Antonio Ross

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**None.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the African American Resource Advisory Commission regular meeting on August 4, 2026.

The minutes of the August 4, 2026, regular meeting of the African American Resource Advisory Commission were approved during the September 9th meeting on Commissioner Davis's motion, Commissioner Dozier's second on a 13-0 vote. Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioners Ross were absent.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Presentation from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) regarding their relationships with African American families in Austin. Presentation by Stephanie Hennes, Faith-Based and Community Engagement Specialist, DFPS and Rachel Duer, Faith-Based and Community Engagement Director, DFPS.  
**Presentation given by Stephanie Hennes, Faith-Based and Community Engagement Specialist, DFPS and Rachel Duer, Faith-Based and Community Engagement Director, DFPS.**
3. Presentation from Community Advancement Network (CAN) regarding their programming and priorities. Presentation from Jelina Tunstill, CAN Program and Operations Coordinator.  
**Presentation given by Jelina Tunstill, CAN Program and Operations Coordinator.**

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Approve the creation of a public health working group that creates recommendations regarding Black maternal health and improving the social determinants of life for Black Austinites.  
**The motion to approve the creation of a public health working group that creates recommendations regarding Black maternal health and improving the social determinants of life for Black Austinites with Chair Anderson and Commissioner Rudd as members was approved on Commissioner Miller's motion, Commissioner Goss Wiesberg's second on a 13-0 vote. Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioner Ross were absent.**
5. Approve the creation of a public safety working group that focuses on community policing, conflict resolution, decreasing gun violence and job training and employment opportunities.  
**The motion to approve the creation of a public safety working group that focuses on community policing, conflict resolution, decreasing gun violence and job training and employment opportunities with Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioner Linder as members was approved on Commissioner Davis's motion, Commissioner Miller's second on a 13-0 vote. Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioner Ross were absent.**
6. Approve the creation of a cultural competency working group that creates a document to share with presenters to gather information regarding their data surrounding Black Austinites and tracking demographic metrics of Black Austinites to share with the commission.  
**The motion to approve the creation of a cultural competency working group that creates a document to share with presenters to gather information regarding their data surrounding Black Austinites and tracking demographic metrics of Black Austinites to share with the commission with Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioners Dozier, Eugene, Horton, Jackson, and Rudd as members was approved on Commissioner Dozier's motion, Commissioner Horton's second on a 13-0 vote. Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioner Ross were absent.**
7. Approve the creation of an employment working group that creates a grant training workshop.

**The motion to approve the creation of an employment working group that creates a grant training workshop with Commissioners Davis, Hayes and Miller as members was approved on Commissioner Smith's motion, Commissioner Goss Weisberg's second on a 13-0 vote. Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioner Ross were absent.**

8. Approve the creation of a housing working group that writes recommendations to expand access to affordable quality housing for Black families and individuals, supports policies and programs that prevent displacement and combat gentrification in historically Black neighborhoods, and collaborates with city leaders to ensure Black voices shape housing policy and development priorities.

**The motion to approve the creation of a housing working group that writes recommendations to expand access to affordable quality housing for Black families and individuals, supporting policies and programs that prevent displacement and combat gentrification in historically Black neighborhoods, and collaborates with city leaders to ensure Black voices shape housing policy and development priorities with Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioners Dozier, Goss Weisberg, and Smith as members was approved on Commissioner Davis's motion, Commissioner Smith's second on a 13-0 vote. Vice Chair Parsons and Commissioner Ross were absent.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Annual Meeting Schedule
- Voting registration and turnout discussion

**The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was approved on Commissioner Eugene's motion, Commissioner Dozier's second with no objection.**