



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M  
AUSTIN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 1001  
301 W 2<sup>ND</sup> ST.  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

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**CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:**

| <b>Commissioner</b>                     | <b>Appointment</b> | <b>Commissioner</b> | <b>Appointment</b>              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| David Carroll                           | District 1         | Saxton Archer       | District 10                     |
| Nathan McDaniel                         | District 2         | Sania Shifferd      | Mayor's Office                  |
| VACANT                                  | District 3         | Gina Houston        | Arts Commission                 |
| Ed Ishmael, <i>Chair</i>                | District 4         | Jenny Murkes        | Design Commission               |
| Charles Peveto                          | District 5         | Bat Taniguchi       | Historic Landmark Commission    |
| Pat Buchta                              | District 6         | Joe Silva           | Music Commission                |
| Phillip Wiley                           | District 7         | Jennifer Franklin   | Parks and Recreation Board      |
| Fang Fang                               | District 8         | Rebecca Bernhardt   | Public Safety Commission        |
| Kimberly Levinson,<br><i>Vice Chair</i> | District 9         | Kevin Chen          | Urban Transportation Commission |

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first ten 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 Downtown Commission regular meeting of September 16, 2026.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing regarding Downtown Strategy Office Strategies and Goals framework.  
[Jonathan Stone, Downtown Officer, Downtown Strategy Office]

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Presentation regarding Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA) policy positions and priorities. [Matt Geske, Vice President of Public Affairs, and Bill Price, Senior Vice President of Investor Relations, DAA]
4. Presentation regarding an overview of the Sobering Center, its services, and areas for Downtown Commission support. [Ashley Branscum, Program Manager, The Sobering Center]

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

5. Approve the Downtown Commission 2027 Annual Meeting Schedule.
6. Approve a recommendation regarding pedicab policies.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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