



**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**

The Economic Prosperity Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at Austin City Hall Boards and Commissions, Room #1101, Austin, TX 78701.

Chair Gonzales called the Economic Prosperity Commission Meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Aaron Gonzales, Chair

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Jacob Randall , Vice Chair

Aditi Joshi

Zain Pleuthner

Kevin Roberts

Raquel Valdez Sanchez

Ofelia Zapata

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Michael Nahas- Draft Recommendation, Thanks

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve a recommendation to Council regarding strengthening responsiveness to AI Labor Impacts in Austin.
The motion to approve the recommendation to Council to regarding strengthening responsiveness to AI Labor Impacts in Austin was approved on Commissioner Joshi's motion, Chair Gonzales' second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Zapata was off the dais. Commissioner Rashed was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of Austin Economic Development department strategy and listening session schedule.
Discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Economic Prosperity Commission Regular Meeting on August 19, 2026.

The minutes from the Economic Prosperity Commission regular meeting on August 19, 2026 were approved on Commissioner Roberts' motion and Commissioner Pleuthner's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Valdez Sanchez was off the dais. Commissioner Rashed was absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion regarding permitting process reform for restaurants.
Discussed.
4. Discussion regarding tool for tracking Council and Council Committee Meeting agenda items related to commission business.
Discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion and Possible Action regarding permitting process reform for restaurants

Chair Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 7:12 without objection.