Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2026

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at the Permitting and Development Center, room #1406, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Chair Jambulapati called the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Padmini Jambulapati, Chair
Nirali Thakkar, Vice Chair
Hanna Huang

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE REMOTELY:
Sarah Chen
Sarah Xiyi Chen
Zachary Dolling
Hugh Li
Nayer Sikder
Bhumika Purohit

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission regular meeting on August 18, 2026.
   The minutes were approved with the following amendment:

   "The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, ~~January~~ August 18, 2026 at ~~301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas~~ the Permitting and Development Center, Room #1406, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin TX."

on Commissioner Huang's motion, Vice Chair Thakkar's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioner Purohit was off the dais. Commissioners Moledina, Shrestha and Yang were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding Varsity Generation Programming and Austin's aging Asian American community. Presentation by Kelly Maltsberger, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation and Jesus Aguirre, Director, Austin Parks and Recreation.
The presentation was made by Kelly Maltsberger, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation and Jesus Aguirre, Director, Austin Parks and Recreation.

3. Staff briefing regarding facilities updates to the Asian American Resource Center (AARC). Presentation by Darrell Alexander, Director, Austin Facilities Management.
The presentation was made by Darrell Alexander, Director, Austin Facilities Management.

4. Staff briefing regarding the Creative Reset II Initiative and the AARC. Presented by Candice Cooper, Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment.
The presentation was made by Candice Cooper, Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment (ACME), Matrex Kilgore, Division Manager, ACME, and Leila Grace Pandy, Supervisor of Culture and Arts Education, Austin Parks and Recreation.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve a nomination of stakeholder member to the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission.
The motion to approve the nomination of stakeholder member Alka Bhanot was approved on Commissioner Huang's motion, Vice Chair Thakkar's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Moledina, Shrestha and Yang were absent.

6. Approve a nomination to the Joint Inclusion Committee.
The motion to approve the nomination of Zachary Dolling to the Joint Inclusion Committee was approved on Commissioner Chen's motion, Commissioner Xiyi Chen's second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Moledina, Shrestha and Yang were absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

7. Update from Community Engagement Working group regarding community organizations, groups and companies representing or partnering with Asian American communities in Austin.
The update was given by Commissioner Xiyi Chen.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Approve 2027 Commission meeting schedule

Discussion with Yesterday's Gone 501c3 regarding programs related to Domestic Violence

Working Group update from the Community Engagement Working Group

Chair Jambulapati adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the October 20, 2026 meeting on Vice Chair Thakkar's motion, Commissioner Huang's second with the following amendment on Item 4: Matrex Kilgore instead of Matrix Kilgore. The motion was approved as amended on Vice Chair Thakkar's motion, Commissioner Huang's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Xiyi Chen, Shrestha, Yang, Dolling, and Li were absent.