



DESIGN COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 28, 2026**

The Design Commission convened in a Regular meeting on Monday, September 28, 2026, at the Permitting and Development Center, Room 1405, located at 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive in Austin, Texas.

Chair Marissa McKinney called the Design Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

*Marissa McKinney, Chair
Kevin Howard, Vice Chair
Ramachandra "Rao" Aradhyula
Nkiru Gelles
Jon Salinas
Brendan Wittstruck*

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

*Saira Khan
Jousue Meiners
Jenny Murkes*

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None Present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Design Commission Regular Meeting on August 24, 2026.

The minutes from the Design Commission regular meeting on August 24, 2026, were approved on Vice Chair Howard's motion, Commissioner Wittstruck second on a vote of 7-0 with 2 abstaining.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing on phase two of the DDBP and its stakeholder engagement plan. Presented by Warner Cook, Austin Planning. Sponsors: Vice Chair Howard and Commissioner Wittstruck.
Item was discussed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discussion on items within the annual internal review, such as changes to the Design Commission bylaws and policies not currently covered by the Commission, as well as discussion of the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year. Sponsors: Chair McKinney and Vice Chair Howard.

Item was discussed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4. Discussion and possible action on clarifying the future role of the Design Commission. Sponsors: Chair McKinney and Vice Chair Howard.

Item was discussed and no action was taken.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

5. Update from the representative of the Downtown Commission regarding the meeting on September 16, 2026.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Working group updates from the Urban Design Guidelines working group.

Discussion and possible action on sending recommendations to the city council regarding Design Commission Bylaws, revisions, and the future role of the Design Commission. Sponsors: Commissioner Wittstruck and Vice Chair Howard.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Marissa McKinney adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the October 26th, 2026, Design Commission Regular Meeting on Commissioner Wittstruck's motion, Commissioner Salinas' second on a 6-0 vote.