JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE **REGULAR MEETING**
MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026**

The Joint Inclusion Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at the Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr.. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Parsons called the Joint Inclusion Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Justin Parsons (Chair)
Jerry Joe Benson (Vice Chair)
Richard Bondi

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Amanda Afifi
Lisa Chang
Diane Kanawati
Tannya Oliva-Martínez
Nirali Thakkar

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Joint Inclusion Committee regular meeting on August 26, 2026.
   Items 1 and 2 were taken up at the same time.
   The August 26, 2026 minutes were approved on Commissioner Bondi's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Benson was off the dais. Commissioners Alvizo, McNary, and Ramirez were absent.

2. Approve the minutes of the Joint Inclusion Committee special called meeting on August 12, 2026.
   Items 1 and 2 were taken up at the same time.

The August 12, 2026 minutes were approved on Commissioner Bondi's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on a 7-0 vote. Vice Chair Benson was off the dais. Commissioners Alvizo, McNary, and Ramirez were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

3. Staff briefing regarding the Creative Reset Phase II: Reimagining Austin's Cultural Facilities and Museums. Briefing by Candice Cooper, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, ACME.
   The briefing was made by Candice Cooper, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, and Matrex Kilgore, Division Manager, Cultural Education & Programs, ACME.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Discussion regarding the final schedule for home commission updates to the Joint Inclusion Committee.
   Discussion was held.

5. Discussion regarding potential meeting dates and times for next year's annual schedule.
   Discussion was held.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

6. Report from the FY2026-27 Budget Follow-Up Working Group regarding the status of budget recommendations.
   Report by Vice Chair Benson.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Approve a recommendation regarding recognition of recent Austin Police Department shooting and supporting measures to provide public accountability.

   There was a motion by Vice Chair Benson, seconded by Commissioner Thakkar, to amend the recommendation to insert:

"5. Austin City Council should urge the City Manager to direct the Austin Police Department to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of its existing de-escalation training, policies, and procedures and to prioritize improvements where deficiencies or opportunities for enhancement are identified. APD should develop and implement a department-wide plan to provide updated de-escalation training to all officers, including retraining on improved techniques, tactics, and procedures. This department-wide retraining should be completed within six months."

The motion was approved on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Alvizo, McNary, and Ramirez were absent.

The recommendation was approved as amended on Commissioner Bondi's motion, Commissioner Thakkar's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Alvizo, McNary, and Ramirez were absent.

8. Approve the formation of a working group to formulate budget recommendations for the FY2027-28 budget cycle.

   The motion to approve the formation of a working group to formulate budget recommendations for the FY2027-28 budget cycle was approved on Commissioner Benson's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Alvizo, McNary, and Ramirez were absent.

   Working Group Members: Bondi, Benson, Chang, Oliva Martinez, Kanawati

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recommendation about APD collaboration with ICE – Chang

Discussion & Possible Action regarding Open Government Partnership program – Benson

Native American Quality of Life Advisory Commission discussion – Bondi

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the October 28, 2026 meeting on Commissioner Bondi's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Parsons and Commissioners Afifi, Billett, Edwin, Kanawati, Ramirez, and Thakkar were absent.