COLLEGE STUDENT COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING**
MINUTES **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026**

The College Student Commission convened in a Regular meeting on 10, October, 2026, at 301 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

Chair Cournoyer called the College Student Commission Meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Aidan Cournoyer, Mekides Guta, Isiah Graham, Suyeon Hong, Samuel Huron, Kinnin Phillips, Grant Zeller.

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Sanda Yelenic.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the College Student Commission Regular Meeting on September 11, 2026

   The minutes from the College Student Commission Regular Meeting on September 11, 2026 were approved on Commissioner Zeller's motion, Commissioner Phillip's second on a 8-0 vote.
   Commissioners Lopez and Hexsel were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of potential presenters pertaining to College Student Commission areas of interest.
   Discussion was had.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Dissolution of Housing working group.
   The motion to dissolve the Housing Working Group was approved on Commissioner Phillip's motion, Commissioner Hong's second on a 7-1 vote. Commissioner Zeller was against.
   Commissioners Lopez and Hexsel were absent.

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4. Dissolution of Transportation working group.
   The motion to dissolve the Transportation Working Group was approved on Commissioner Graham's motion, Commissioner Hong's second on a 6-2 vote.
   Commissioners Zeller and Hong were against. Commissioners Lopez and Hexsel were absent.
5. Creation of a Livability working group to develop and present recommendations to the College Student Commission identifying City actions that may reduce barriers to college student affordability and access to basic needs in Austin, including, but not limited to, housing, food, transportation, beneficial employment, and other major cost-of-living concerns.
   The motion to create a Livability Working Group was approved on Commissioner Huron's motion, Commissioner Phillip's second on a 6-2 vote.
   Commissioners Phillips and Zeller were against. Commissioners Lopez and Hexsel were absent.
6. Creation of a Public Safety working group to develop and present recommendations to the College Student Commission identifying City actions that may improve the safety of Austin-area college students in and around campus communities, including concerns related to public transportation, pedestrian and micro mobility safety, lighting, emergency response, and other public-safety issues affecting students.
   The motion to create a Public Safety Working Group was approved on Commissioner Zeller's motion, Commissioner Phillip's second on a 8-0 vote.
   Commissioners Lopez and Hexsel were absent.
7. Election of Vice Chair.
   Commissioner Phillip's was nominated chair by Commissioner Graham. Commissioner Phillip's accepted the nomination.
   Commissioner Phillips was elected chair on a on a 8-0 vote.
   Commissioners Lopez and Hexsel were absent.
8. Approve the 2027 College Student Commission Meeting Schedule.
   The 2027 College Student Commission Meeting Schedule was approved on Commissioner Phillip's motion, Commissioner Graham's second on a 8-0 vote.
   Commissioners Lopez and Hexsel were absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

9. Update from Transportation working group regarding their priorities.
   The update was given by Commissioner Guta.

10. Update from Mental Health working group regarding their priorities.
    The update was given by Chair Cournoyer.

11. Update from Housing working on their work around student housing availability.
    The update was given by Commissioner Huron.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of pedestrian safety near Concordia University.

Discussion and potential action on a recommendation relating to student housing.

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Chair Cournoyer adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m. without objection.

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