



THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 AT 10:00 AM, AUSTIN CITY HALL
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TX AND SOME MEMBERS
MAY BE PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, Chair
Vanessa Fuentes, Vice Chair
José Velasquez
Natasha Harper-Madison
Mike Siegel

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Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely. Items posted for possible action are available for sign up. Briefings are not open for sign-up. For full instructions on participation in person or by telephone, please visit the Council Committee Information Center home page, which is linked here:
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A quorum of the City Council may be present at this meeting. Action will only be taken by the members of the committee.

The committee may go into a closed session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel on any item on this agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

Public Communication: General

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. This section is limited to 5 speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes of the Economic Opportunity Committee meeting of March 21, 2025.

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Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, and Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes

Briefings

2. Update on the Austin Convention Center Redevelopment project. [Trisha Tatro, Director -

Austin Convention Center].

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3. Updates on the Austin Bergstrom International Airport: Beyond the Runways - AUS's role in Central Texas Economic Development. [Ghizlaine Badawi, Chief- Aviation].

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4. Briefing on E3 Alliance's Workforce Readiness Collaborative Initiatives. [Karl Nichols, VP of Investor Development- E3 Alliance].

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Briefings by Memorandum

5. Update on the Home Grown "Building Comprehensive Networks" Implementation Grant to build a comprehensive support network for home-based childcare providers. [Anthony Segura, Interim Director - Economic Development].

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6. Update on the High-Quality Childcare Fee Waiver Program [Anthony Segura, Interim Director - Economic Development].

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Future Items

7. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

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Previously Distributed Memos to Mayor and Council (Information only; not for discussion)

April 2,2025 Career Expo Recap memo dated April 30, 2025 [Susan Sinz, Director - Human Resources Department].

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Final Response to Resolution No.20240229-060- Economic and Cultural District Framework memo dated March 25, 2025 [Anthony Segura, Interim Director - Economic Development Department].

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Final Response to Resolution Nos. 20220728-094 and 20220901-089: Incentive Programs and City Code Amendments for Live Music Venues and Creative Spaces memo dated March 20, 2025 [Anthony Segura, Interim Director - Economic Development Department].

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Intergovernmental Relations Office - Federal Grants Update memo dated April 8, 2025 [Carrie Rogers, Officer - Intergovernmental Relations].

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Staff Update to Resolution No. 20240307-021 - Workforce Development Program memo dated April 9, 2025 [Anthony Segura, Interim Director - Economic Development Department].

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Staff Update to Resolution No. 20250213-052- Visibility and Accessibility Efforts in the African American Cultural Heritage District memo dated April 3, 2025 [Anthony Segura, Interim Director - Economic Development Department].

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Staff Update to Resolution No. 20230720-128 - Southshore Cultural District memo dated March 17, 2025 [Anthony Segura, Interim Director - Economic Development Department].

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Update on Convention Center Legacy Art Installation Previously Approved for Deaccession memo dated April 11, 2025 [Angela Means, Director - Office of Arts, Culture, Music & Entertainment].

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Update on the City's Business Expansion Program Under Chapter 380 memo dated March 14, 2025 [Anthony Segura, Interim Director - Economic Development Department].

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