



DRAFT AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

July 20, 2026

Committee Members Present:

1. Kirk Watson, Chair
2. Ryan Alter, Vice Chair
3. Jose “Chito” Vela, Mayor Pro Tem
4. Marc Duchen
5. Krista Laine (Alternate Member)

Committee Members Absent:

1. Vanessa Fuentes

Call to Order

Mayor Watson called the committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Public Communication: General

There were six speakers.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes for the May 20, 2026, meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee**

The minutes for the May 20, 2026, meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee were approved. The motion was made by Council Member Alter and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vela. The motion passed on a 4 – 0 vote.

Briefing

- 7. Briefing on nonprofit contract performance management audit.**

The committee was briefed by Kathie Harrison, Assistant City Auditor and Henry Katumwa, Supervising Senior Auditor from the Austin City Auditor’s Office.

Discussion and Possible Action

- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding bylaw amendments for the African American Resource Advisory Commission, Downtown Commission, Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and Urban Transportation Commission.**

The committee approved recommending the proposed bylaw amendments for the African American Resource Advisory Commission, Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and Urban Transportation Commission to the full Council, with guidance to consider additional changes to the Parks and Recreation Board’s bylaw proposal. The motion was made by Council Member Duchen and seconded by Council Member Alter. The motion passed on a 4 – 0 vote.

- 3. Discussion and possible action regarding potential proposed amendments to the City Charter for a November 2026 special election**

Mayor Watson led the discussion on this item. The committee approved recommending to the full council having public hearings and public testimony based on the recommendations of staff, charter review commission, proposed amendments approved by council in 2024, and the proposed amendments to the charter that are included by virtue of a certified petition. The motion was made by Council Member Alter and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vela. The motion passed on a 4 – 0 vote.

4. Discussion of potential 2026 bond election under the adopted bond decision framework.

No action taken.

Briefings

5. Briefing on public safety mental health audit.

The committee received a briefing from Kathie Harrison, Assistant City Auditor and Mariel Dempster, Senior Auditor from the Austin City Auditor's Office

6. Briefing on semi-annual report of the City Auditor's Integrity Unit's investigations.

The Committee received a briefing from Brian Molloy, Chief of Investigations from the Austin City Auditor's Office.

Future Items

11. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

No items identified.

Mayor Kirk Watson adjourned the committee meeting at 12:03p.m.