

South Central Waterfront Advisory Board Status

Audit & Finance Committee



Austin Financial Services
March 4, 2026



Board Purpose and Structure

- ❑ Nine voting members appointed by City Council
 - ❑ Quorum requires five voting members
 - ❑ Five non-voting ex-officio members appointed by the Downtown Austin Alliance and various City departments*
 - Design Commission
 - Environmental Commission
 - Parks and Recreation Board
 - Planning Commission
 - Community Development Commission
 - Mayor / District 9
 - South River City Citizens Neighborhood Association
 - Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association
 - Trail Foundation
- Marissa McKinney
David Sullivan
Luai Abou-Emara
Peter Breton
Jo Ann Ortiz
Ryan Puzycki
VACANT since June 2024**
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* Austin Housing, Transportation & Public Works, and Financial Services

** New member approved by Council February 26, 2026

Key Advisory Board Dates/Events

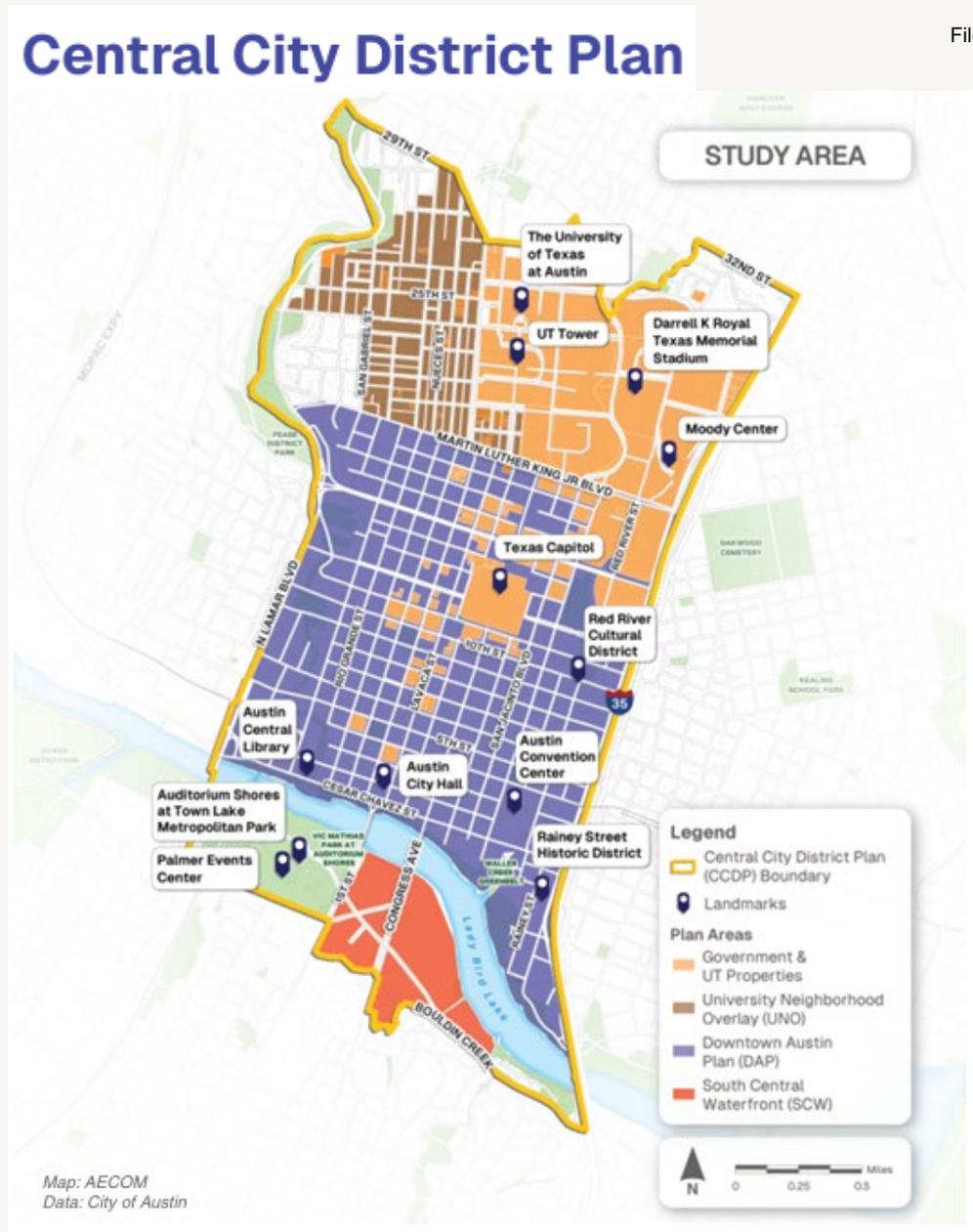


- April 12, 2024 – The SCW TIRZ, that was to be an implementation focus of the board, was deemed invalid by Travis County District Court
- September 12, 2024 – Council indefinitely postponed deliberation on the regulatory framework critical for implementing the Vision Plan
- 2025 – Held only one meeting in the calendar year
- January 30, 2026 – City Clerk sent notice of SCWAB failure to meet to Audit & Finance
 - City Code requires the city clerk to send written notice of a board's failure to convene for a period of six months
 - Audit and Finance Committee must make a recommendation to council on whether to continue the board within 60 days of receiving notice
- March 30, 2026 – Deadline for Audit & Finance recommendation to City Council regarding dissolution of SCWAB

Recommendation

Dissolution of the SCW Advisory Board

- ❑ Few implementation tools specific to SCW for meaningful Advisory Board action
- ❑ Planning Commission oversees PUD review for current projects advancing through entitlement in SCW
- ❑ The SCW Vision Framework Plan and unadopted draft Combining District and Density Bonus Program serve as the foundation for work within the Central City District south of the river.
- ❑ Staff and community members will revisit recommendations from the SCW planning process to ensure alignment with the Central City District's shared vision and goals.
- ❑ The Downtown Commission approved a recommendation on February 18, 2026 to expand their geographic purview to align with the Central City District Plan





Questions?

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