



**DRAFT AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING**
March 4, 2026

Committee Members Present:

1. Kirk Watson, Chair
2. Ryan Alter, Vice Chair
3. Jose “Chito” Vela, Mayor Pro Tem
4. Marc Duchen- Virtual
5. Vanessa Fuentes

Additional Council Members Present:

1. Mike Siegel

Call to Order

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

Public Communication: General

There were 5 speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes for the January 14, 2026, meeting and the February 3, 2026 Special Called Meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee

The minutes for the January 14, 2026, meeting and the February 3, 2026 Special Called Meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee, Audit and Finance Committee meeting were approved on Council Member Duchen and Council Member Fuentes second on a 5-0 vote.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the continuation or dissolution of the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board due to not meeting for over six months.

The Committee received a briefing from Stephanie Hall, Deputy City Clerk – City Clerk’s Office and Kim Olivares, Director – Financial Services. The Committee recommends approving dissolution of the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board with a motion from Council Member Alter and second from Council Member Fuentes with a 5 – 0 vote.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed changes to the General Obligation Debt financial policies.

The Committee Received a briefing from Ed Van Eenoo, Chief Financial Officer and Mike Rogers, Assistant City Manager – City Manager’s Office.

4. Board and Commission proposed bylaws amendments for the Commission on Aging.

The committee received a briefing from Stephanie Hall, Deputy City Clerk – City Clerk’s Office. Committee recommends approving the bylaw amendments for the Commission on Aging with a motion from Mayor Pro Tem Vela and second from Council Member Duchen with a 5 – 0 vote.

Briefings

5. Briefing on flood preparation audit.

The Committee received a briefing from Keith Salas, Assistant City Auditor; Kendall Byers, Auditor – City Auditor’s Office. Jorge Morales, Director – Austin Watershed Protection answered questions from Committee members.

6. Briefing on consultant spending audit.

The Committee received a briefing from Keith Salas, Assistant City Auditor – City Auditor’s Office; James Scarborough, Chief Procurement Officer and Kim Olivares, Director – Financial Services.

7. Update on the City’s Information Technology cost optimization.

The Committee received a briefing from Ed Van Eenoo, Chief Financial Officer – City Manager’s Office; Kerrica Laake, Chief Information Officer – Austin Technology Services.

8. Briefing on draft sunset review process and implementation of Resolution 2024-1212-133 regarding review of and recommendations to improve the clarity of purpose and efficient operation of current boards and commissions, task forces, council corporations, and intergovernmental bodies.

Postponed to the next meeting.

Future Items

9. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

No items identified to discuss at future meetings.

Mayor Kirk Watson adjourned the committee meeting at 11:50 a.m.