



THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 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
Mike Siegel

**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, and an alternate member may only vote when a regular committee member is absent.

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 three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. This section is limited to five speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes of the March 20, 2026, meeting of the Economic Opportunity Committee.

Briefings

2. Briefing regarding updates on small business initiatives within Austin Economic Development including the Austin Kiva Hub program offering crowdfunded microloans to local entrepreneurs, loan buy-down program, and Austin Small Business Week [Xavier Zarate, Division Manager - Austin Economic Development].

Sponsors: Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, and Council Member Vanessa Fuentes

3. Briefing regarding Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment's response to Resolution No. 20250306-029, which directed the City Manager to update the Art in Public Places ordinances, and the upcoming amendments to City Code Chapter 7-2 (Art in Public Places) [Morgan Messick, Assistant Director, Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment].

Sponsors: Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, and Council Member Vanessa Fuentes

Future Items

4. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

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

Update on Artificial Intelligence Tool for Site Plan Review dated May 8, 2026

Economic Mobility Framework and Levers of Economic Mobility Index dated April 29, 2026

Art in Public Places Program Response to Resolution No. 20250306-029 dated April 20, 2026

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