

### **Boards & Commissions Report**

# **Inactive Boards and Commissions**

October 15, 2025



Resolution 20241212-133 directed the City Manager, in coordination with the City Clerk's Office, to establish a sunset review process for governance bodies, enabling regular and staggered evaluations of their scope and duties. An initial framework update was presented to the Audit and Finance Committee on February 19, 2025, after which the Committee instructed staff to finalize a consistent and transparent review model. A proposed framework was formally introduced on July 16, 2025, and the Committee approved a pilot implementation, requesting preliminary findings by October 15, 2025.

This report summarizes the pilot's results, including an overview of the body under review, legal considerations, self-evaluations by members and staff liaisons, community feedback, and an initial staff recommendation.



#### **Inactive Boards and Commissions**

Report Highlights October 15, 2025

# **Executive Summary**

### Objective

To conduct an evaluation of inactive bodies that may need to be formally deactivated.

#### What We Found

As part of an inventory of all bodies listed on the City of Austin website, including Intergovernmental Bodies and Associated Entities, we identified several that have not convened in years or appear to be dissolved. To ensure transparency, we reviewed each body's formation, meeting history, current relevance, and any legal obligations. None of the entities included in this report have met within the past two years, and there are no legal barriers to designating them as inactive on the City of Austin website.

Of the bodies reviewed, two are already listed as inactive or formally dissolved. We found five Intergovernmental Entities that have not met in several years and are no longer active, two Associated Entities that have not convened since 2012, and one Council Corporation that has been inactive for four years.

### What We Recommend

During our review of potentially inactive bodies, we found no existing policy to define inactivity. For bodies without specific legal mandates or mention in City code, we recommend classifying any that have not convened in over two years as "inactive." Their webpages should be updated accordingly, with all meeting materials preserved in the online archive.



### **Airport Boulevard Advisory Group**

## Legal Review

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

# Webpage

Airport Boulevard Advisory Group

## History

The Airport Boulevard Advisory Group was created as a temporary, non 2-1 Commission by Resolution No. 20100429-049 and has not been active since 2012.

#### What We Recommend

The Advisory Group is already on the Inactive Boards and Commissions list. We recommend that the Advisory Group webpage be updated to reflect the last time the entity met.



#### **Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board**

# **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

# Webpage

**Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board** 

# History

The Austin-Travis County EMS Advisory Board was created to consider and make recommendations to City Council on the delivery of emergency medical services.

The Board last met in 2021 and was discontinued by Interlocal Agreement approved by City Council on March 11, 2022, as referenced in Ordinance No. 20230309-002.

#### What We Recommend

The Board is already on the Inactive Boards and Commissions list. We recommend that Board webpage be updated to reflect the last time the entity met and reference the Ordinance that formally discontinued the Board.



#### **Lone Star Rail District Board**

# **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

# Webpage

#### Lone Star Rail District Board

# History

The Lone Star Rail District Board was comprised of elected officials and private sector leaders representing cities, counties, regional transportation agencies, and the general public. In 2016, Union Pacific Railroad formally ended its partnership with the District, leading to its disbandment. The Board held its final meeting that same year.

Further insight into the District's closure can be found in the dissertation titled <u>The Demise of the Lone Star Rail District: A Case Study in the Failure to Expand Passenger Rail Service in Texas</u>, by Robert C. Andrews, Jr.

#### What We Recommend

Given that the Lone Star Rail District was formally discontinued following Union Pacific Railroad's withdrawal from the partnership, we recommend archiving the associated webpage, as it contains minimal and outdated information.



#### **Mobility Transformation Advisory Council**

# **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

# Webpage

**Mobility Transformation Advisory Council** 

## History

In 2016, the City partnered with the Rocky Mountain Institute to establish a regional advisory council tasked with providing leadership, support, and a structured reporting process for the program. The advisory council held its final meeting in February 2018, after which the remaining quarterly meetings scheduled for that year were canceled.

### What We Recommend

Given that the Advisory Council has not convened since 2018, we recommend archiving the associated webpage and classifying it under the Inactive Intergovernmental Entities category.



#### **Project Connect: Central Corridor Advisory Group**

# **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

## Webpage

Project Connect: Central Corridor Advisory Group

## History

Project Connect is leading the planning efforts for a high-capacity transit system in Central Texas. The Central Corridor Advisory Group (CCAG) was established to provide strategic guidance to the Project Connect: Central Corridor project team. However, the group has not convened since 2015.

More information about <u>Project Connect</u> is available on its website, and to find information on the City's collaboration with the Austin Transit Partnership and CapMetro, see the <u>City of Austin Project Connect Office</u>'s webpage.

#### What We Recommend

As the Advisory Group has not convened since 2015, and the website indicates that the corridor study concluded in the same year, we recommend archiving the associated webpage and classifying it under the Inactive Intergovernmental Entities category.



#### **Regional Affordability Committee**

# **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

# Webpage

Regional Affordability Committee

# History

The Regional Affordability Committee was authorized in 2015 by Ordinance No. 20150129-022. It was created to provide transparency, public input, and collaboration between taxing jurisdictions.

No Committee meetings have been held since 2019, as all 2020 meetings were canceled and none have been scheduled since.

### What We Recommend

As the Committee has not convened since 2019, we recommend archiving the associated webpage and classifying it under the Inactive Intergovernmental Entities category.



#### **Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition**

### **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

## Webpage

Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition

## History

Council approved an Interlocal Agreement on January 12, 2006, for the City's participation in the Coalition. Funding was provided by the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. The intention of the Coalition was to address devastating flooding in the Colorado River basin.

The Coalition was a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with over sixty participating communities aimed at encouraging comprehensive consistent management of the floodplain along the Colorado River and its tributaries; providing a forum for data exchange; and facilitating a structured approach to managing the complex issues related to floodplain management.

In January 2025, Council confirmed in a post on the <u>City of Austin Council Message Board</u> post that this body has been inactive for several years.

### What We Recommend

As the Coalition has not convened in several years, and no recent records or indications of activity could be identified, we recommend archiving the associated webpage and classifying it under the Inactive Intergovernmental Entities category.



#### **Austin Regeneration Fund Board of Directors**

# **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

## Webpage

**Austin Regeneration Fund Board of Directors** 

## History

The Regeneration Fund was created to assist in carrying out the economic development and objectives of the City by generating private investment capital through the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program to be available for investment in low-income communities.

The Board last convened in 2011. According to the Law Department, no NMTC fund allocations are currently scheduled, and the Fund was deemed immaterial to the financial statements for FY 2013. Additionally, records from the Secretary of State indicate that the franchise tax was involuntarily terminated, resulting in the forfeiture of the Board's legal existence.

### What We Recommend

As the Board has not convened since 2011, we recommend archiving the associated webpage and classifying it under the Associated Entities category.



#### **Austin Local Solar Advisory Committee**

### **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

## Webpage

Austin Local Solar Advisory Committee

# History

Created by <u>Council Resolution No. 20120426-081</u>, Austin Local Solar Advisory Committee was established in 2012 to develop a local solar plan for Austin. The Committee did not have corporate powers and is not a legally separate entity. There has been no activity since 2012.

### What We Recommend

As the Committee has not convened since 2012, we recommend archiving the associated webpage and classifying it under the Associated Entities category.



#### **Austin Industrial Development Corporation Board**

# **Legal Review**

There are no legal concerns with designating this body as inactive.

## Webpage

Austin Industrial Development Corporation Board

## History

The mission of the Austin Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) was to develop and promote commercial, industrial and manufacturing enterprises pursuant to the provisions of the <a href="Development Corporation Act">Development Corporation Act</a>, Chapter 501, Texas Local Government Code.

The AIDC held meetings in 2014 and 2021, but in no years before, in between, or after that time period.

#### What We Recommend

As the Board has not convened since 2021, we recommend archiving the associated webpage and classifying it under the Boards and Corporations category.





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