



Boards and Commissions Review

Audit and Finance Committee | 2026

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Directs the City Manager and City Clerk to report to Audit & Finance Committee

1. Notify and solicit feedback of all bodies listed in Appendix A. – **Completed.**
2. Develop a sunset review process of governance bodies that would allow regular and staggered consideration of each body’s current scope and duties. – **Completed.**
3. Draft Ordinance for single section of the City Code that clearly establishes the responsibilities of Council appointments to intergovernmental bodies. – **Completed.**
4. Develop a single website that publicly archives recommendations to the Mayor and Council from boards and commissions, similar to the searchable database for memos to Mayor and Council. – **Completed.**
5. Review translation services needs of governance bodies, including but not limited to the Commission on Immigrant Affairs, and to offer recommendations for supporting these services as a part of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. – **Completed.**

Boards and Commissions for Review



- Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force
- Bicycle Advisory Council
- Environmental Commission
- Joint Sustainability Committee
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Pedestrian Advisory Council
- Resource Management Commission
- Urban Renewal Board
- Urban Transportation Commission
- Water and Wastewater Commission
- Zero Waste Advisory Commission
- Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals
- Building and Standards Commission
- Electric Board
- Electric Utility Commission
- Mechanical and Plumbing Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee
- Historic Landmark Commission
- Impact Fee Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission
- Small Area Planning Joint Committee
- Zoning and Platting Commission
- African American Resource Advisory Commission
- Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission
- Commission on Aging
- College Student Commission
- Commission for Women
- Commission on Immigrant Affairs
- Commission on Veterans Affairs
- Early Childhood Council
- ESB Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board
- Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission
- Human Rights Commission
- Joint Inclusion Committee
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission
- Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
- City of Austin Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel Civil Service Commission
- Public Safety Commission
- Airport Advisory Commission
- Bond Oversight Commission
- Community Development Commission
- Comprehensive Plan Joint Committee
- Construction Advisory Committee
- Economic Prosperity Commission
- MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee
- South Central Waterfront Advisory Board
- Technology Commission
- 2026 Bond Election Advisory Task Force
- 2024 Charter Review Commission
- Ethics Review Commission
- Municipal Civil Service Commission
- Arts Commission
- Design Commission
- Downtown Commission
- Library Commission
- Music Commission
- Tourism Commission
- Animal Advisory Commission
- Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council
- Austin Travis County Food Policy Board
- Austin Travis County Public Health Commission
- Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board

Board and Commission Groups



1. Arts & Culture
2. Environment
3. Public Health
4. Legal
5. Land & Zoning
6. Public Safety
7. Quality of Life
8. Development
9. Code



Year 1: Environment



1. Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force
2. Bicycle Advisory Council
3. Environment Commission
4. Joint Sustainability Committee
5. Parks and Recreation Board
6. Pedestrian Advisory Council
7. Resource Management Commission
8. Urban Renewal Board
9. Urban Transportation Commission
10. Zero Waste Advisory Commission

These boards and commissions share a common focus on environmental stewardship and sustainable resource management. This grouping highlights a unified goal promoting ecological sustainability and ensuring responsible use of resources across multiple sectors, such as parks, transportation, energy, and waste management.



Year 2: Code and Land & Zoning

Code: *These advisory bodies address regulations for construction, fire safety, plumbing, electrical systems, and tourism-related development, ensuring compliance with codes that protect public health, safety, and sustainable growth.*

1. Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals
2. Building and Standards Commission
3. Electric Board
4. Electric Utility Commission
5. Mechanical and Plumbing Board

Land & Zoning: *These advisory bodies focus on land use, zoning, and urban planning. Their work supports strategic growth, historic preservation, and infrastructure planning, shaping Austin's built environment.*

1. Board of Adjustment
2. Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee
3. Historic Landmark Commission
4. Impact Fee Advisory Committee
5. Planning Commission
6. Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission
7. Small Area Planning Joint Committee
8. Zoning and Platting Commission

Year 3: Quality of Life



1. African American Resource Advisory Commission
2. Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission
3. Commission on Aging
4. College Student Commission
5. Commission on Women
6. Commission on Immigrant Affairs
7. Commission on Veterans Affairs
8. Early Childhood Council
9. ESB Mexican American Cultural Center Advisory Board
10. Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission
11. Human Rights Commission
12. Joint Inclusion Commission
13. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission
14. Mayor's Commission for People with Disabilities

These advisory bodies focus on equity, inclusion, and quality of life for the community and shall recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront minority groups in social, economic, and vocational pursuits.

Year 4: Public Safety and Development



Public Safety: *These advisory bodies share a commitment to ensuring fair employment practices, accountability, and operational effectiveness within public safety departments.*

1. City of Austin Firefighters', Policy Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel Civil Service Commission
2. Public Safety Commission

Development: *These advisory bodies prioritize funding and resources for city planning, infrastructure, and economic development to ensure transparency and efficiency.*

1. Airport Advisory Commission
2. Bond Oversight Commission
3. Community Development Commission
4. Comprehensive Plan Joint Committee
5. Construction Advisory Committee
6. Economic Prosperity Commission
7. MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee
8. South Central Waterfront Advisory Board
9. Technology Commission
10. 2026 Bond Election Advisory Task Force

Year 5: Legal, Arts & Culture, and Public Health



Legal: *These commissions focus on legal compliance, governance, and ethical standards within the City of Austin.*

1. 2024 Charter Review Commission
2. Ethics Review Commission
3. Municipal Civil Service Commission

Arts & Culture: *These commissions collectively focus on fostering creativity, cultural expression, and community engagement, ensuring that the city's cultural assets and creative economy thrive while enhancing quality of life.*

1. Arts Commission
2. Design Commission
3. Downtown Commission
4. Library Commission
5. Music Commission
6. Tourism Commission

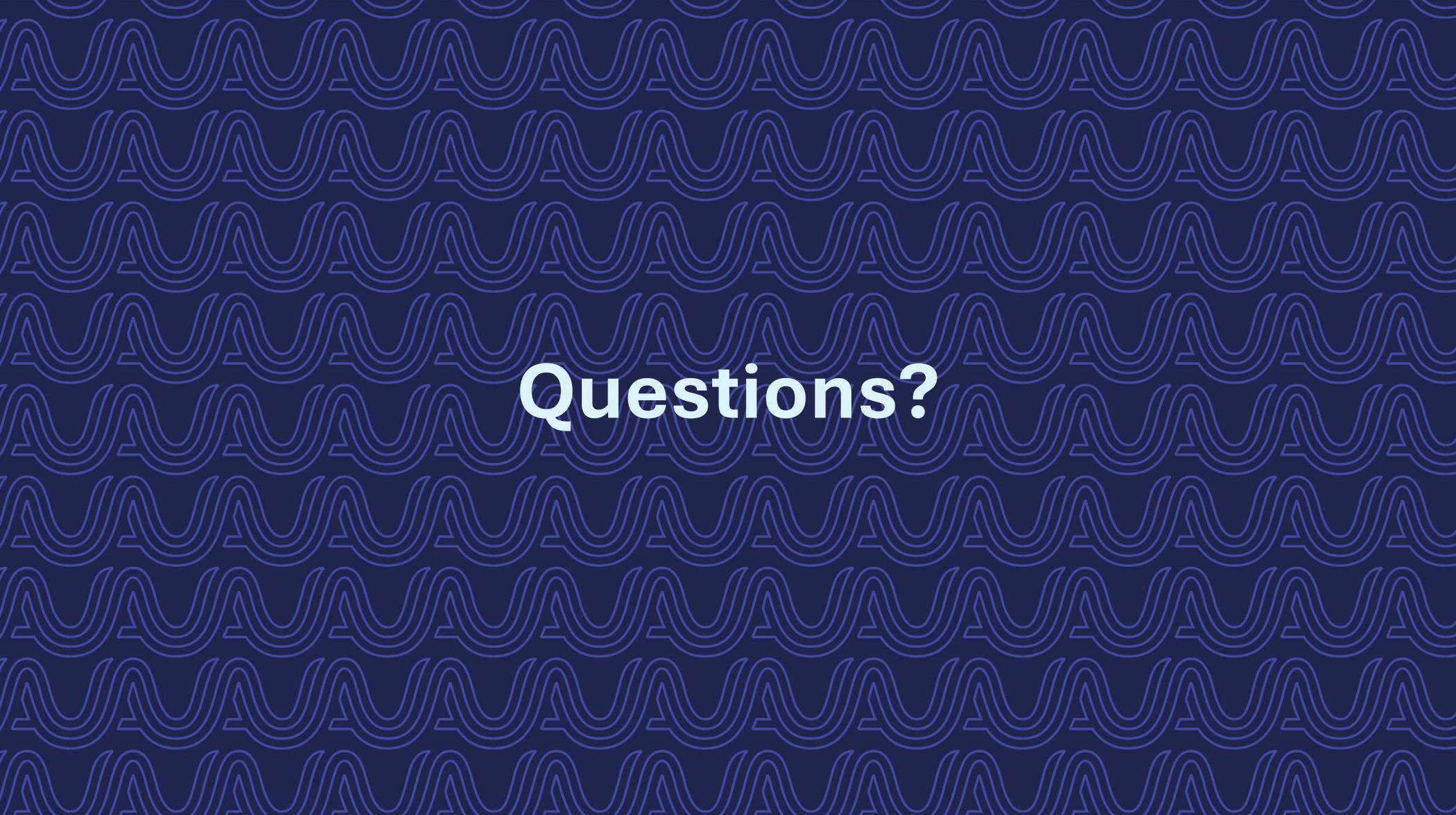
Public Health: *These advisory bodies focus on public health, wellness, and community safety and are committed to improving health outcomes and promoting a healthier, safer, and more equitable community.*

1. Animal Advisory Commission
2. Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council
3. Austin Travis County Food Policy Board
4. Austin Travis County Public Health Commission
5. Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board

Next Steps



1. Receive feedback on list, groupings, and cadence for a five-year review cycle.
2. Identify the subject matter experts to serve as the review board for year one.
3. Connect with the liaisons of year one group to begin the 2026 review process.
4. Return in Q1 FY 2027 with reporting on year one group review.



Questions?