



DRAFT SPECIAL CALLED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 20, 2025

Committee Members Present:

Vice Chair, Vanessa Fuentes

Mike Siegel

Jose Velasquez - Virtual

Committee Members Absent:

Chair, Zohaib Qadri

Additional Council Members Present:

Ryan Alter - Virtual

Call to Order

Vice Chair, Fuentes called the committee meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes for the December 1, 2025, Economic Opportunity Committee Meeting.

The minutes were approved with a motion from Council Member Siegel and a second from Vice Chair, Fuentes on a 3-0 Vote

Briefing

2. Briefing presentation on the Economic Development Roadmap, a strategic plan intended to guide Austin's economic development strategy over the next 3 years.

The committee received a briefing from Dr. Eric A. Johnson, Assistant City Manager – City Manager's office.

3. Briefing presentation regarding the November 2025 "Small Business Insights and Policy Recommendations Report" published by the Institute for Justice.

The committee received a briefing from Chad Reese, Associate Director of Activism and Ava Mouton-Johnston, Activism Assistant - Institute for Justice

4. Briefing presentation regarding Austin Film Society's Creative Workforce Report.

The committee received a briefing from Kristen Bell, Director of Operations -Austin Film Society.

Briefing by Memorandum

8. Social Service Funding Impacts: Workforce and Childcare

Katherine Sobel, Advisor to Assistant City Manager, Dr. Eric Johnson – City Manager's Office answered the Committee's questions

Identify Future Items

No items were identified

Vice Chair, Fuentes adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

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