

**Board and Commission Nominations and Waivers
July 23, 2026**

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Nominations

Board/Nominee

Nominated by

African American Resource Advisory Commission

Patrick Miller

Mayor Pro Tem Vela

Austin Travis County Food Policy Board

Margaret “Maggie” Amaku

Mayor Watson

College Student Commission

Olivia Hexsel

St. Edward's University

College Student Commission

Saunda “Sunny” Yelenic

St. Edward's University

Community Development Commission

Omar Gamboa

Council Member Harper-Madison

Downtown Commission

Saxton Archer

Council Member Duchen

Early Childhood Council

Barbara Grant Boneta

Mayor Pro Tem Vela

Electric Utility Commission

Elina “Ellu” Nasser

Council Member Harper-Madison

Ethics Review Commission

Lyssa Zotlen

Council Member Duchen

Joint Sustainability Committee

Melody McClary

Austin Travis County Food Policy Board

Joint Sustainability Committee

Jo Anne Ortiz

Community Development Commission

Joint Sustainability Committee (Alternate)

Valerie Menard

Community Development Commission

Resource Management Commission

Yael Glazer

Council Member Laine

Technology Commission

Kevin Welch

Mayor Watson

Reappointments

HIV Planning Council

Kristina McRae-Thompson

Mayor Watson

Urban Renewal Board*

Harrison Brown

Mayor Watson

***Term effective August 1, 2026**

Waivers

Approve a waiver of the attendance requirement in Section 2-1-26 of the City Code for the service of Faith Cary Lane on Commission on Aging. The waiver includes absences through today's date.

Approve a waiver of the attendance requirement in Section 2-1-26 of the City Code for the service of William Dahlstrom on Commission on Veterans Affairs. The waiver includes absences through today's date.

Approve a waiver of the requirement in Subsection 2-1-21(H) of the City Code for the appointment of Harrison Brown. The waiver allows Harrison Brown simultaneous service on the Building and Standards Commission and Urban Renewal Board.