

COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

From the Bylaws:

COMMITTEES

(A) The Zero Waste Advisory Commission shall have the following committees:

(1) **Universal Recycling Ordinance Committee:** the duty of the committee is to review the Universal Recycling Ordinance, Austin City Code Article 5.

(2) **Construction and Demolition Ordinance Reform Committee:** the duty of the committee is to review relevant ordinances that impact recycling of construction and demolition debris.

(B)) Each committee must be established by an affirmative vote of the commission. A committee cannot meet until its creation is approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee. Each committee shall consist of at least three commission members appointed by the chair. A staff member shall be assigned to each committee by the director of the Austin Resource Recovery.

(C) The commission chair shall appoint a commission member as the committee chair, with the member's consent.

(D) A majority of the total number of appointed committee members constitutes a quorum.

(E) Each committee shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis at least quarterly.

(F) Each committee shall make an annual report to the commission at the January commission meeting.

(G) Committee meetings must be posted in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551(Texas Open Meetings Act).

(H) At each committee meeting, a committee member shall sign in on a sheet provided and shall indicate that the member has no conflict of interest with any item on the committee meeting agenda, or identify each agenda item on which the member has conflict of interest.

WORKING GROUPS

(A) The board can determine the size of a working group but the number of commission members serving on the working group must be less than a quorum of the commission.

(B) A working group may designate a chair, with the member's consent, but is not required to do so.

(C) Quorum requirements do not apply to working groups.

(D) Staff support will not be provided for working groups.

(E) Working groups are not required to post their meetings in accordance with the Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).

To Note:

- Proposal of new, or dissolution of existing committee must be voted on
- A *Committee* must adhere to TOMA requirements
- Committees must be established on an affirmative vote of the commission
- New Committees cannot meet until its creation is approved by the CAFC
- Committees must meet at least quarterly
- Non commissions members may not serve on committees
- A Commission can create or dissolve a *working group* at any time. It is not subject to Texas Open Meetings Act requirements.

PROCEDURE FOR ADDING A COMMITTEE:

1. If a recommendation for a new committee is proposed, a motion must be made and seconded.
2. ZWAC must make a *recommendation* to amend bylaws. Amending bylaws cannot be done without the approval of the Council Audit and Finance Committee.
3. The recommendation and the business justification for this committee are sent to the City Clerk to coordinate scheduling on the next Council Audit and Finance agenda. The CAFC have generally met the 4th Wednesday of the month from 9am-12pm. The upcoming meeting date for the CAFC:
 - a. August 26th
 - b. September 23rd
4. If addition of Committee is approved by the CAFC, the following ZWAC meeting shall include a discussion and action item to approve amended bylaws
5. Once members are assigned and a Staff liaison has been selected, meetings can commence.