



The Austin Music Commission convened on April 5, 2021 via videoconference.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Jonathan “Chaka” Mahone, Vice-chair – Anne-Charlotte Patterson, Secretary – Oren Rosenthal, Al Duarte, Gavin Garcia, Doug Leveton, Nagavalli Medicharla, Patrice Pike, Graham Reynolds

Staff in Attendance: Erica Shamaly, Kim McCarson, Stephanie Bergara

CALL TO ORDER 6:35pm

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

D-Madness

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

David Goujoun, Chair of Advisory Board for Mexican American Cultural Center speaks on the Creative Space Bond. Aggie Sanchez, Austin Tejano Music Coalition, speaks in support of Tejano music and asks to be included in discussions regarding budget and inclusion in local music events.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the March 1, 2021 Music Commission meeting.
Commissioner Reynolds motions and Vice-chair Patterson seconds. Motion carries 9-0.

2. CHAIR’S REPORT

a. Commission membership participation check-in.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Possible Action following presentation on Creative Space Bond by David Colligan, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Austin Economic Development Corporation (AEDC), and Matthew Kwatinetz, Managing Partner, Q Partners. Anna Maciel speaks on slowness of the process. No action taken.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on the future of live music in Downtown Austin, focusing on creative space/venues and potential partnerships and resource sharing between public, non-profit, and private entities. Presentation from Cody Cowan, Executive Director of the Red River Cultural District; and Rebecca Reynolds, President & Founder of the Music Venue Alliance - Austin. Anna Maciel speaks on the issue. Commissioner Reynolds motions to reconstitute the Land Use Working Group with Arts

Commission. Chair Mahone seconds. Motion carries 8-1. Commissioner Rosenthal votes against. Commissioners Reynolds and Leveton volunteer to join working group.

c. Discussion and Possible Action on the Live Music Fund following update by Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Director, Economic Development Department. Anna Maciel discusses her treatment as a speaker. Sonya Jevette, Kevin Russell, Scott Strickland, Patrick Buchta and Tom Van Schaik speak in support of the working group recommendations and getting the money into the music industry soon. No action taken.

d. Discussion and Possible Action after update from Systemic Racism Working Group by Paul Pinon, former Music Commissioner. Anna Maciel speaks on not concentrating on one ethnic group. No action taken.

e. Discussion and Possible Action on a submission process for live performances at Music Commission meetings. Vice-chair Patterson motions and Commissioner Reynolds seconds to move item 3e to next meeting in May. Motion carries 9-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Possible Action after presentation by Jeska Forsyth and Lauryn Gould, of Austin Texas Musicians Sisterhood, on increasing equity for women and identifying contributors to Austin's music industry and possible establishment of a gender working group. Vice-chair Patterson motions to form a gender working group that overlaps with Austin Texas Musicians Sisterhood. Commissioner Reynolds seconds. Motion carries 9-0. Vice-chair Patterson, Lauryn Gould, Commissioner Medicharla and Commissioner Pike volunteer.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Music Commission budget recommendation. Commissioner Garcia motions to support, Commissioner Reynolds seconds. Motion carries 9-0. Commissioner Rosenthal motions to create Finance Working Group. Commissioner Reynolds seconds. Motion carries 9-0. Commissioner Rosenthal volunteers to head up working group.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Reynolds motions for Discussion and Possible Action on a music selection process for Music Commission meetings. Commissioner Leveton seconds.

Commissioner Reynolds motions for Discussion and Possible Action on Live Music Fund forecast number presentation by Sylnovia Holt-Rabb, Acting Director, Economic Development Department. Commissioner Duarte seconds.

Chair Mahone motions for Discussion and Possible Action following a presentation from the Downtown Austin Alliance. Commissioner Reynolds seconds.

**AUSTIN MUSIC COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

April 5, 2021

Chair Mahone motions for Discussion and Possible Action following update by Systemic Racism Working Group. Commissioner Garcia seconds.

ADJOURNMENT 9:32pm

Commissioner Reynolds motions to adjourn. Commissioner Garcia seconds.

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