



The Austin Music Commission convened in a regular meeting on February 7th, 2022, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd St. Austin, TX 78701

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair - Anne-Charlotte Patterson, Vice-chair - Nagavalli Medicharla (virtual), Secretary - Oren Rosenthal (virtual), Parliamentarian - Graham Reynolds (virtual), Gavin Garcia (virtual), Lauryn Gould (virtual), Christopher Limon (virtual), Jonathan “Chaka” Mahone (virtual), Patrice Pike (virtual), Scott Strickland (virtual)

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

CALL TO ORDER 6:34pm

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Susanna Sharpe

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Ever Calderon supports use of Live Music Fund (LMF) for musicians. Eileen Bristol from Sahara Lounge speaks in favor of using LMF to support artists of color, especially the first year. Drew Dunavan speaks in favor of directing funds to artists particularly artists of color. Mercedes Perry speaks in favor of using funds to support artists of color. Pam Owens supports using LMF funds to support artists of color. Terry P. Mitchell speaks in favor of using LMF funds to support artists of color. Jane Hervey speaks in favor of directing LMF to support artists especially with an equity focus.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from Regularly Scheduled Meeting on December 6, 2021. Commissioner Reynolds motions to approve the minutes, Commissioner Limon seconds. Motion carries 8-0. Commissioners Limon, Gould, and Sullivan are absent. Commissioner Limon arrives 7:04pm.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Legal Consideration related to Equity in Economic Development Department Hotel Occupancy Tax Funded Programs by Neal Falgoust, Attorney, City of Austin Law Department, and Sylnovia Holt Rabb, Acting Director, Economic Development Department.

- b.** Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded relief and recovery programs for creatives by Erica Shamaly, Manager, Music and Entertainment Division
- c.** Update by Erica Shamaly, Manager of the Music and Entertainment Division, on the feasibility of a multi-year approach to the Live Music Fund. Commissioner Mahone leaves the meeting at 8:20pm.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a.** Discussion and Possible Action following update on the Austin Opera House. No action taken.
- b.** Discussion and Possible Action following update and final recommendations from the Working Group on the Live Music Fund. Commissioner Mahone rejoins the meeting at 8:34pm. Commissioner Gould joins the meeting 8:39pm. Commissioner Pike leaves the meeting at 9:00pm. Commissioner Pike rejoins the meeting 9:01pm. Vice-chair Medicharla motions to vote on two options: Option one – comprehensive program incorporating variety of eligible uses. Option two – all eligible uses but only musicians and independent promoters in the first pilot year, including live music promoters in second year. Commissioner Limon seconds. Option one: Garcia, Medicharla, Patterson. Option two: Strickland, Limon, Mahone, Rosenthal, Reynolds, Gould, Pike. Option two carries 7-3.
- c.** Discussion and Possible Action on Austin Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) following update from board representative, Emmett Beliveau. Commissioner Pike leaves the meeting 9:29pm. Commissioner Limon leaves the meeting 9:30pm. Commissioner Mahone leaves meeting 9:30pm. Commissioner Mahone returns 9:31pm. No action taken.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a.** Discussion and Possible Action following presentation by Quentin Prior, Battalion Chief/Assistant Fire Marshall, Special Events, on venue safety priorities. Battalion Chief Prior is absent from the meeting. No action taken.
- b.** Discussion and Possible Action following update from SXSW on upcoming festival. No action taken.
- c.** Discussion and Possible Action on making a possible budget recommendation. No action taken.
- d.** Discussion and Possible Action on voter registration and Music Commission role. No action taken.
- e.** Discussion and Possible Action on increasing City rate for musicians. No action taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Patterson motions for Discussion and Possible Action on increasing the city rate for musicians. Commissioner Reynolds seconds.

Commissioner Reynolds motions for Discussion and Possible Action on a budget recommendation. Chair Patterson seconds.

Commissioner Strickland motions for Discussion and Possible Action for voter registration and the Commission's role. Commissioner Reynolds seconds.

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Commissioner Reynolds motions for Discussion and Possible Action on the Live Music Fund recommendation. Commissioner Gould seconds.

Chair Patterson motions for Discussion and Possible Action on convention center renovation, expansion and the music industry role following a presentation from convention center staff. Commissioner Strickland seconds.

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Commissioner Reynolds motions, Commissioner Strickland seconds.

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