

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once, either in-person or remotely, and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation. To register please contact David Alcorta by email at David.Alcorta@austintexas.gov or by phone at 512- 972-5042.

**COLLEGE STUDENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 8, 2022 AT 3PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 1001
301 W. 2nd STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**



CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Lira Ramirez, *University of Texas at Austin*
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Edwin Bautista, *University of Texas at Austin*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten 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.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMISSION UPDATES

The commission's staff liaison and commission leadership will have the opportunity to share any pertinent announcements relevant to Commission business.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recommendation – Disability & Remote Higher Education Access

The commission will review and consider passage of a recommendation seeking to ensure remote access to higher education as a disability right.

b. Discussion – Proposal to Revise to the University Neighborhood Overlay

The commission will discuss a draft of a recommendation proposing revisions to the University Neighborhood Overlay, designed to address a lack of affordable college student housing in the West Campus neighborhood. No action will be taken on the recommendation during this (4/8) meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Working Group – Housing

Update from the Housing Working Group on actions taken to research and promote student housing access, security, and affordability.

b. Working Group – Mental Health & Accessibility

Discussion of issues related to mental health services, accessibility, and disability issues on Austin-area college campuses, with consideration of possible action.

c. Working Group – Transportation

Update from the Transportation Working Group on actions taken to research and promote student transportation, with consideration of possible action.

d. Working Group – Campus Civic Life

Update from the Campus Civic Life Working Group on actions taken to research and promote student voting rights in Austin and means of improving campus civic life, with consideration of possible action.

e. Working Group – Sustainability

Discussion of issues related to sustainability and city and university environmental policies, with consideration of possible action.

f. Campus Reports & Community and Municipal Involvement

Commissioners may share reports concerning any recent developments on their campus or discuss upcoming programs/events. Discussion of avenues for Commission engagement with the local community and municipal government.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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