

ATP Board of Directors: Application & Nomination Process Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the role of the Austin Transit Partnership Board?

A: The Austin Transit Partnership is the local government corporation responsible for implementing Project Connect and leading Austin Light Rail Phase 1. The ATP Board of Directors provides Board leadership for the independent entity.

Q: Are there any special requirements for ATP Board members?

A: The Community Expert Directors, to whom the application process applies, must reside in the City of Austin at the time of appointment. One member shall have expertise in finance, one member shall have expertise in engineering & construction, and one member shall have expertise in community planning or sustainability ("Community Expert Directors"). The [ATP Articles of Incorporation](#) provide additional information on specific requirements for each of the three Community Expert Directors.

All appointed Board members must comply with certain state ethics and conflict of interest laws, including Section 22.230 of the Texas Business Organizations Code and Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code, which requires the disclosure of certain potential conflicts of interest. Applicants should review the [ATP Ethics, Conflicts, and Nondisclosure Policy](#) and the law to determine if their employment or business interests could conflict with these requirements.

Q: How long are the terms for ATP Board members?

A: The ATP Articles of Incorporation indicate Community Expert Directors will serve four-year terms. To accomplish staggered terms, newly appointed Community Expert Directors will each draw for two-year, three-year, and four-year terms in January 2025. Subsequent terms of Community Expert Directors will be four years.

Q: How often does the ATP Board of Directors meet?

A: The ATP Board currently conducts regular monthly meetings. Additional special-called meetings and work sessions over the course of the program implementation are conducted based on business need.

Q: Are the ATP Board Meetings open to the public or available for the public to view?

A: Yes. As a local government corporation, the ATP Board is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act ("Act") and the Texas Public Information Act. All meetings of the ATP Board of Directors are public meetings under the Act. Meetings are conducted in person and are recorded and available for the public to view on the internet. Members of the public are able to provide comment at meetings. Past Board Meetings and agendas may be viewed on [the Board Meetings section of our website](#).

Q: What is the time commitment for ATP Board members?

A: Board positions require a significant time investment. This includes monthly meeting preparation and monthly meeting attendance as well as community events where Board members may be invited to attend in their official capacity.

Q: Are ATP Board members required to travel?

A: Board members are not required to travel; however, there may be opportunities for Board members to travel to inform decision making related to light rail and represent ATP in an official capacity.

Q: Are ATP Board members compensated for their service on the Board?

A: Positions on the ATP Board of Directors are not paid positions. Board members do not receive financial compensation for their time and service but can be reimbursed for eligible business expenses incurred in their service on the Board, including travel and educational opportunities.

Q: When will ATP Board members be confirmed?

A: The Austin City Council and CapMetro Board of Directors are expected to act on the Nominating Committee's recommendation at their separate meetings in November or early December. Following this action, the newly appointed ATP Board Members will begin their terms in January 2025. It is expected the first ATP Board meeting will be in January 2025. The ATP Board meeting dates are updated regularly on the ATP website.

FAQs Related to the Community Expert Director Position

Q: When are applications due for the Community Expert Director position?

A: Applications for Board positions are due by 5 p.m. on September 13, 2024. Any updates to the application timeline will be published online.

Q: Will my Community Expert Director application be made public?

A: Information submitted as a part of the application and nomination process should be considered public and may be requested as information responsive to the Texas Public Information Act. All applications will be published on the ATP website following the close of the application deadline. Following the nomination committee's recommendation, the names of the recommended appointees will be published on the ATP website two weeks prior to the appointment of the Community Expert Directors.

Q: What is the appointment process related to the Community Expert Director?

A: All applications for the Board positions are forwarded to a committee consisting of members of the Austin City Council and CapMetro Board ("Nominating Committee"). The Nominating Committee will then review the applications, including conducting interviews (if necessary), and recommend candidates to be approved by the Austin City Council and CapMetro Board of Directors.