

# AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS FAQ



**Q: WILL THE ATP BOARD MEETINGS BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC TO VIEW?**

**A:** 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 Board of Directors will be public meetings under the Act. Meetings will be held in person or virtually if required for social distancing and as allowed by the law. Meetings will be recorded and available for the public to view on the Internet similar to current Capital Metro Board meetings, and members of the public are able to provide comment at meetings.

**Q: HOW LONG ARE THE TERMS FOR ATP BOARD MEMBERS?**

**A:** Community Expert board members will serve four-year terms. The City Council member and Capital Metro board member appointed to the ATP Board of Directors will serve two-year terms.

**Q: HOW OFTEN WILL THE ATP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET?**

**A:** The ATP Board of Directors will hold monthly meetings to conduct business and will have regular meetings throughout its tenure. There will be additional special meetings and work sessions over the course of the program implementation for education and discussion on specific topics or upcoming decisions and plans.

**Q: WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR ATP BOARD MEMBERS?**

**A:** Board positions will require a significant time investment. This includes monthly meetings, briefings with Capital Metro and City of Austin staff, one-on-one meetings with stakeholders and meeting prep.

**Q: WILL ATP BOARD MEMBERS BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL?**

**A:** Board members will not be required to travel; however, there may be opportunities for Board members to travel to cities with high-capacity transit systems similar to what is envisioned for Project Connect to learn about best practices and challenges.

**Q: WILL THE ATP BOARD MEMBERS BE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE BOARD?**

**A:** Positions on the ATP Board of Directors are not paid positions. Board members will not receive financial compensation for their time and service but can be compensated for actual expenses incurred in their service on the board, including travel and educational opportunities.

**Q: ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ATP BOARD MEMBERS?**

**A:** 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 may require the disclosure of certain potential conflicts of interest. Applicants should review the law to determine if their employment or business interests could conflict with these requirements.

**Q: WHEN WILL ATP BOARD MEMBERS BE CONFIRMED?**

**A:** Applications for Board positions are due by 5 p.m. on December 2, 2020. Board members will be confirmed by December 18, 2020.

**Q: WHEN IS THE FIRST MEETING?**

**A:** The exact date for the first meeting has not been determined, though it is anticipated the first meeting will be in mid-to-late January 2021.

