

**State of Texas  
County of Bexar  
City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes  
Public Comment Session**

Municipal Plaza Building  
114 W. Commerce Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

**2023 – 2025 Council Members**

Mayor Ron Nirenberg  
Dr. Sukh Kaur, Dist. 1 | Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2  
Phyllis Viagran, Dist. 3 | Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4  
Teri Castillo, Dist. 5 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6  
Marina Alderete Gavito, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8  
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Marc Whyte, Dist. 10

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

The City Council convened the Public Comment Session in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 5:04 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 7** – Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Pelaez, Courage

**ABSENT: 4** - Nirenberg, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Whyte

**PROCEDURAL**

1. Councilmember Sukh Kaur will be sworn in as Mayor Pro Tem for the period of January 16, 2025 through April 2, 2025.

City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre swore-in Councilmember Kaur as Mayor Pro Tem before the meeting began.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaur called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

2. Public Comment is your opportunity to address your City of San Antonio elected officials directly about issues that are important to you and your community. To sign up to speak visit [www.saspeakup.com](http://www.saspeakup.com). Click on meetings and events and select the meeting you'd like to participate in. Sign up to speak or submit a written comment. NOTE: Speaker registration closes 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Members of the public are given up to three minutes to speak, and groups are given up to nine minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaur read the Proclamation in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King (MLK), Jr. and proclaimed Monday, January 20, 2025 to be MLK March Day in San Antonio. Mayor Pro Tem Kaur recognized Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez who thanked the members of the MLK Commission for their work. Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Pelaez, and Courage spoke in support of the Proclamation.

Carl Merkle stated that he was a victim of kidnapping and requested that the City pay him.

Jason Paul stated that the City Council had received his email and they were a witness to a crime.

Martha Huerta stated that her son was in jail and asked for him to be released.

Nick Zbilowski stated that he was trying to overcome the injustice of being committed to a mental health facility and submitted a written statement.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**