

USGBC Central Texas – Balcones Chapter Advocacy Committee

The **Advocacy Committee** focuses on Local Government municipalities, to promote and educate community green policies, resolve green building procedural roadblocks, and establish relationships with local leaders. The committee works to encourage local municipalities to adopt and expand green policies. Additionally, the committee will foster green building developments by identifying and resolving permitting conflicts. The Committee works with the Board and the Executive Director to promote green building and educate the community in line with the Chapter's overall strategic plan.

The Committee is responsible for:

- Fostering local municipal green policies
- Forming alliances with civic groups
- Identifying, monitoring, and resolving green building roadblocks
- Educating local leaders and local community
- Encouraging the adoption and expansion of green policies (initiatives, incentives, policies, regulations, ordinances, resolutions, tax credits, and laws)

Role of Board Liaison is to serve as the conduit between the Committee and the Chapter Board, and to help inform, report, and provide oversight and guidance to the Committee on an as needed basis.

Role of Executive Director is to guide, provide overall direction, and support the decisions and actions of the Committee in executing the plan as well as to help coordinate events that support the Committee's/Chapter's continuing efforts.

Role of the Committee Chair is to oversee the Committee's activities, find and retain Committee members, work with the Board Liaison on status reporting procedures and work with the Executive Director on plan development and implementation.

Requirements: As per the Chapter Bylaws, the Committee Chair must be a Chapter Member in good standing. Committee members may come from the Chapter membership but are not required to do so.

Term: The Committee Chairs are encouraged to commit to a minimum term of 18 months to two years.