



**DACC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Friday, September 18th, 2015**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Friday, September 18th, 2015, in Austin, Texas.

Pete Valdez called the meeting to order at 7:41 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Sara Clark (Chair), Elizabeth Brenner (Vice Chair), Brittain Ayres, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, David Courreges, Lori Renteria

Staff in Attendance: Pete Valdez, Susan Requejo, Ricardo Zavala, Michele Myles, Chris Anderson, Catherine Straub, Liana Bowers, Joshua Smith, Dahlia Martinez and Jeremy Myers

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of May 15th, 2015 were approved on a motion by Committee Member David Courreges and seconded by Committee Member Lori Renteria. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

2. OLD BUSINESS (None)

- a.
- b.

3. NEW BUSINESS (See attachment)

- a. Board members introduced themselves and provided a brief bio to staff and those in attendance.
- b. Court Administrator Pete Valdez introduced the staff of Community Court and provided an overview of the court to include its mission and goals. A breakdown of the case management services and the court's budget was given to board members.
- c. Sara Clark was nominated as Chair, Board Member Lori Renteria motion, Board Member David Courreges second on a 6-0 vote. Elizabeth Brenner was nominated as Vice-Chair, Board Member David Courreges motion, Board Member Lori Renteria second on a 6-0 vote.
- d. A discussion regarding the amendments to the bylaws was begun and will be continued in the next advisory meeting to be held on October 16.

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Bill Brice
- b. Darla Gay

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

The budget presentation was made by Pete Valdez, Court Administrator of the Downtown Austin Community Court.

General overall court budget is \$2.7 million. DACC staff is comprised of 25 employees who account for \$1.5 million dollars of the overall \$2.7 million dollar budget. Rehabilitation contract amounts to \$940,000 with \$175,000 contracted with the Substance Abuse Management Service Organization (SAMSO); the court formerly contracted \$310,000 with the SAMSO. Contract with the Road to Recovery of ATCIC is in the amount of \$393,427 and the remainder of our rehab funds are contracted with the Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas. As we are developing our own social services contracts we are decreasing the amount that we contract with SAMSO; the goal is that the Community Court eventually manage all of its own social service contracts.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 9 a.m. without objection.