



JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 17, 2018
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Travis County – Commissioners Court

Joint Committee members in attendance:

Austin ISD (AISD) Board of Trustees

Ann Teich, Trustee
Cindy Anderson, Trustee
Edna Butts, AISD

City of Austin

Kathie Tovo, Mayor Pro Tem
Alison Alter, Council Member
Sara Hensley, Interim
Assistant City Manager

Travis County

Brigid Shea, Commissioner
Jeffrey Travillion,
Commissioner
Sherri Fleming, County
Executive

I. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brigid Shea convened Joint Subcommittee meeting at 11:39 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo motioned to approve the May 18, 2018. Ann Teich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION TO JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS (Discussion and Possible Action)

The Executives presented an example of citizen communications forms used by each entity. The body discussed which form is more appropriate or more general in nature. The JSC would determine if they would want people to sign-up in advance for specific topics. If bylaws were approved as written, speakers would have up to 3 minutes to speak. It would be Chair’s discretion to manage time based on the number of people or the topic. It was decided that the form capture the subject that the speaker will address to the body.

The statement “Citizens have the right to address the Joint Subcommittees...” will be added to the form and bylaws. The form and bylaws will reflect the suggestion to remove “speaking on a particular subject” to just say to speak to the body. The Public Information officer of each entity will receive notice of the JSC body taking public comment during their meeting. Speakers will sign up on one form indicating if they are speaking on a posted item or general issues relevant to the body and not one particular entity.

Staff will provide an update on this item at the next meeting.

III **BYLAWS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

The Executive reviewed the bylaws pointing out specific areas for the JSC members to note for discussion and consideration.

- Page 1 Article 3 discussed the Membership composition body will consist of 3 AISD members, 3, Council and 2 Travis County Court members.
- Page 2 – There was discussion that service and terms will be that the pleasure of the appointing official.
- Page 3 – There was discussion of meeting quorum. The Executives shared that if a quorum is not established that they are able to cancel the meeting.
- Page 4 – Following discussion of “Special Called Meetings”, staff will remove the sentence from the bylaws that limit the JSC to only two special called meetings. A quorum of the JSC will consist of 2 members from AISD, 2, members from the City and 1 Travis County.
- Legal review is needed to determine if quorum is met if a member participates by phone or Skype. The clarification will be added to the bylaws as well as providing flexibility in the make-up of a quorum.

The members discussed the creation of working groups; and staff will confirm if they are subject to the open meetings act.

There was discussion on the initial purpose of the JSC and the need to invite ACC and other ISDs to the table. Members suggest inviting ACC to share with the JSC an overview of their new priorities, programs and partnerships. In addition, a member suggest a meeting with the Regional Affordability Committee to discuss housing affordability. The Central Texas Schoolboard Association was identified as body that meets monthly during to confer on policy and advocacy on mutual interest and impact on schools and should be invited to share at one of the meetings.

IV **NEXT MEETING (Discussion)**

Members of the committee suggested the following items for the next agenda to include

- Add an agenda item to discuss coordinating items for our joint legislative agenda around taxing entities that would allow flexibility for affordable housing, tax swap and other opportunities that we can advocate for each entity.
- Setting an agenda item before budget, to discuss budgetary items as well as legislative items.
- Discuss if the County can absorb some of the funding that the City has been funding.
- Consider adding to next year’s meeting, items that include timely discussion on items that each entity will consider in their respective budgets. Possibly a discussion in May 2019.
- Consider revisiting the discussion on joint property.
- Discuss AISD and County connections on E-Cigarettes use in schools.
- Discuss schools facing suicide issues
- Letter of resolution on bond construction projects.
- Add an affordable housing overview along with PIDS and include a brief update on the land track for affordable and identify legal barriers on discrepancies.
- Travis Central Appraisal District has two vacant appointments by AISD and a joint AISD and City of Austin.
- Discussion on the Texas Educational Accountability ratings for all school districts.

- Update on the budget re-stabilization taskforce projects, which is an AISD committee designed to look at short and long term budget reductions.
- Update on the Fire Academy at the Lyndon Baines High School in the Liberal Arts academy that is designed to be a pipeline to allow African American men and women to go into the fire program.

Executives suggested that many of the suggested items be provided in writing to make the meeting more efficient.

Commission Travillion asked for a copy of the list of affordable housing that was prepared by the Economic Development group.

Staff confirmed agenda items for the November meeting are:

1. Legislative agenda
2. Housing and affordability
3. Discussion with prior information sent out of presentation on tax swap
4. Texas Education Association rating which could be attached

Staff will provide in advance presentations on tax and budgets, a list of affordable housing options identified AISD and City of Austin; and legal constraints on the use of public land for building suitable housing.

The body would like the legislative representatives to provide an overview of interest where there is overlap within City/County or District of where they can work together and if there are barriers.

Future agenda items should include discussion and updates on bond package elections for each entity.

It was suggested to consider including discussion on the next steps or process for the CodeNext in the future agenda.

V NEXT STEPS/NEXT MEETING

The JSC members would like to see as standing items “Old Business and New Business”
The next meeting will be held at the City of Austin Boards and Commission at 11:30a – 1:30p.

VI ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.