



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Special Called  
(April 19, 2019)**

**The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

<i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>
<i>Patricia Bordie</i>		

**Board Members not in Attendance:**

*Natalie Cagle      Martin Kareithi      Fred Lugo      Ronald Sheaffer*

**Staff in Attendance:**

Michelle Friedman, Austin Public Health  
Elena Smart, Austin Public Health

**Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the Board Meeting to order at 09:02 a.m.**

The Commission introduced themselves.

**I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

A. No items.

**II. ANNOUCEMENTS**

- A. Update from meeting with the City Manager, Janee Briesemeister.
- i. Questions and discussion followed.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Recommendation to City Council and City Manager for Fiscal Year 2020 Budget (Janee Briesemeister)
- i. Motion to endorse the Budget Recommendation Form from Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities
    - Moved by Commissioner Van Sickle
    - Seconded by Commissioner Grampp
    - Motion approved 10-0
  - ii. Motion to endorse the EMS Apricot Software Budget Request

- Moved by Vice-Chair Varteressian
  - Seconded by Commissioner Angel
  - Motion approved 10-0
- iii. Motion to adopt budget recommendation requesting 50k for the RBJ Feasibility Study Approach, in relation to Resolution 41.
- Moved by Commissioner Garcia-Pittman
  - Seconded by Commissioner Van Sickle
  - Motion approved 8-0, with Commissioners Angel and Hauser recused.
- B. Budget Working Group Recommendation (Janee Briesemeister)
- i. Formulation of new recommendation
- Questions and discussion followed.
  - Motion to instruct and authorize the working groups to finish the draft recommendation on prioritizing funding for services to the most vulnerable.
    - Moved by Commissioner Nicola
    - Seconded by Commissioner Hauser
    - Motion approved 10-0
  - Motion to allow the Budget Working Group (AFA) to formulate the recommendation
    - Questions and discussion followed
    - Moved by Commissioner Grampp
    - Seconded by Commissioner Nicola
    - Motion approved 9-0, Commissioner Angel off the dais.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item.
- i. No discussion.
- B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
- i. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
- No discussion.
- ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
- No discussion.
- iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
- No discussion.
- iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
- No discussion.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item
- i. No discussion.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item
- i. No discussion.
- E. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item

- i. No discussion.

**V. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- A. No items.

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. MMCAC
- B. Tax Swap (AISD)
- C. Anti-Displacement Taskforce
- D. Equity Action Tool Recommendation
- E. Affordable Housing and Home Renovation Coalition
- F. Austin Energy and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development –  
Weatherization and Home Repair
- G. Hispanic Quality of Life
- H. Google representative
- I. Housing and resources for senior musicians and artists.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Commissioner Hauser motioned to adjourn.
- Vice-Chair Varteressian seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 9-0, Commissioner Angel off the dais.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.