



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

December 9, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:17 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

1. *Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison*
2. *Council Member Kathie Tovo*
3. *Council Member Ann Kitchen*

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes.

Council Member Kitchen motioned to approve the minutes and seconded by Council Member Tovo. Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Citizen Communication: General

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed two minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda (limit of 10 speakers).

The Committee heard from speakers regarding item #2, item #5 and future items for the Committee to consider.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation by the Animal Advisory Commission that the City of Austin's Animal Services Office participate in the Human Animal Support Services (HASS) pilot program as a Tier 1 city.

The Committee heard from Don Bland, Chief Animal Officer and Jason Garza, Deputy Animal Officer on this item. Council Member Harper-Madison motioned to postpone the approval of this recommendation from the Animal Advisory Commission. The Chair will work with staff to bring this forward on a future agenda. The Committee had no objections to this recommendation from the Chair. Motion to postpone by Council Member Tovo, seconded by Council Member Kitchen. Passed 3-0.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of members to the Central Health Board of Managers.

This item was taken up during Executive Session. The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation of Amit Matwani to the board of members. Passed on a 3-0 vote.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the process for the selection of the joint appointee to the Sobering Center Local Government Corporation Board of Directors.



Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Travis County provided an overview on the proposed joint appointment process. The Committee agreed to present their top candidate pool to the County for consideration. Additionally, the Committee agreed to interview the County's top candidates. A date for interviews is pending and will be determined by the City staff liaison. Approval of this process was motioned by Council Member Kitchen, seconded by Council Member Tovo. Passed 3-0.

Briefing

5. Receive a briefing on Menstrual Equity.

The Committee received a presentation from Meg Moore.

Executive Session

6. Discuss the appointment of members to the Central Health Board of Managers. (Personnel matters -Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

This item was discussed in close session.

Future Items

Adjourned at 12:09 pm.

These minutes were approved at the March 10, 2021 Health and Human Services Committee Meeting on Mayor Pro Tem Harper-Madison's motion, Vice Chair Fuentes' second on a 4-0 vote. Council Member Kitchen was off the dais.