

AUSTIN WATER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING March 31, 2021

The Austin Water Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 via videoconference. This meeting was held jointly with the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Ann Kitchen Council Member Leslie Pool Council Member Alison Alter

Vice Chair Vanessa Fuentes Council Member Paige Ellis

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor Steve Adler Council Member Gregorio Casar Council Member Kathie Tovo

Council Member Harper-Madison Council Member Mackenzie Kelly

Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria

CALL TO ORDER

Upon adjournment of the March 31, 2021 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting by Chair Pool at 3:33pm, Austin Water Oversight Committee Chair Ann Kitchen called the Austin Water Oversight Committee meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Three registered speakers addressed the joint Committee during the Austin Energy Utility Committee portion of the meeting,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the October 28, 2020 and March 3, 2021 meetings of the Austin Water Oversight Committee

No action taken due to time limitations

BRIEFING

- 2. Austin Water February Winter Storm Event Updates
 - a. Director's Opening Remarks
 - b. Financial Relief Achieved to Date
 - c. Austin Water's Resiliency Efforts
 - d. Winter Storm Demand Analysis

Austin Water Director Greg Meszaros gave opening remarks. Joseph Gonzales, Assistant Director of Finance provided updates on customer bill relief achieved to date. Anna Bryan-Borja, Assistant Director of Business Services gave an overview of Austin Water's resiliency efforts. Kevin Critendon, Assistant Director of Environmental, Planning and Development Services and Rick Coronado, Assistant Director of Operations presented preliminary data from Austin Water's winter storm demand analysis. Austin Water staff addressed questions from Council Members.

FUTURE ITEMS

Chair Kitchen announced that the next meeting of the Austin Water Oversight Committee will be held on April 19, 2021. This meeting will focus on infrastructure and communications aspects of the winter storm event.

ADJOURN

Chair Kitchen adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m. without objection.

Link to meeting video and presentation:

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The minutes were approved on the 19th day of April 2021 on Council Member Ellis' motion and Council Member Pool's second on a 4-0 vote. Vice Chair Fuentes was off the dais.