



**Special Called Meeting  
Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board**

**MEETING MINUTES  
July 12, 2021**

**The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, July 12, 2021 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Joy Casnovsky, Joi Chevalier, Emily De Maria, Kacey Hanson, Karen Magid, Sharon Mays, Ellen Sweets

**Staff in Attendance:**

Edwin Marty, Amanda Rohlich, Emmie DiCicco

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Sharon Mays called the meeting to order at 9:14 am

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Alec Puente, American Heart Association

Simone Benz, Sustainable Food Center - SFC will be participating on a panel along with Judith McGeary, FARFA; Eric de Valpine, Foodshed Investors; and Carolina Mueller, National Young Farmers Coalition, to discuss the impacts of Winter Storm Uri on small producers.

We will explore what political, technical, and collaborative efforts could build more resilience in the face of future climatic events.

Katie Janda, UT School of Public Health

Aida Nielsen, UT School of Public Health

Sandra Van Den Berg, UT School of Public Health

Robert Nathan Allen

Paula Mc Dermott

Jodi Lane, Fruitful Commons

Frances Deviney

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING**

Board Member Emily De Maria motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 7, 2021, with Board Member Ellen Sweets seconding the motion. Passed on a 7-0 vote.

- a. Travis Gatlin, Ellen Stein, Rachel Coff, Planning and Budget Office at Travis County, Budget and ARPA Updates – see back-up materials for presentation
- b. Jeffrey Clemmons, Chair of the College Student Commission, Recommendation Number #20210122-3b College Food Insecurity Grant Program
- c. Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager, City of Austin Updates and Council Resolution Updates

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## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Board Infrastructure & Protocol
  - i. Review Board Members' meetings with City and County Officials
- b. Board vacancies and appointments
  - i. Three existing vacancies: one mayoral and two
- c. Review Prior Board Recommendations and Discuss City and County Budgets
- d. Community Engagement
  - i. Kacey Hanson – encourage Healthy Access WG to advocate to City Council Members for additional funding for implementation of Food System Plan.
  - ii. One pager

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss Annual Report
  - i. Due July 31
  - ii. WGs to
- b. Discuss and take possible action in support of Recommendation Number #20210122-3b College Food Insecurity Grant Program

Ellen Sweets left dais at 10:55 am and we lost quorum. The Board ended meeting and did not cover the items below.

- c. Working Group Briefings and Recommendations
  - i. Healthy Food Access to All Communities
  - ii. Governance
  - iii. Food and Climate
  - iv. Build Opportunities for Food Entrepreneurs
  - v. Support Farms & Farmers
  - vi. COVID-19 Food System Response
- d. Review of Board Member Assignments
  - i. Staff to share resources as they relate to item 2c. such as the EAT memo, Glasgow Declaration, and Edwin's slides
  - ii. Include discussion of College Commission recommendation to the Healthy Food Access WG meeting
  - iii. Staff to check with Travis County about timeline for new board appointments
  - iv. Kacey to send community engagement one-pager that outlines the role of the board, working groups, etc.
  - v. Edwin to ask City Clerk's office for more clarification on how to (interact with community members)
  - vi. Amanda to share Annual Internal Report

## **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Include community outreach component in Board's Strategic Planning
- b. Review the description/page of what the Food Policy Board does. Discussion of creating a video
- c. Travis County Corrections presentation around agriculture

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Board Chair Sharon Mays adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am

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