



## JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

Austin City Council  
Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees  
Travis County Commissioners Court

**DRAFT**

Commissioner Brigid Shea called the Joint Subcommittee to order on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 11:04 am.

JSC members in attendance were Mayor Steve Adler, City Council Members Kathie Tovo and Alison Alter, AISD Trustee, Lynn Boswell, and Travis County Commissioners Brigid Shea and Jeff Travillion.

Received public comment from Kathy McHorse on investing in childcare and recommend gap funding for programs.

No action on the agenda or approval of the minutes was taken due to a lack of quorum.

The committee members introduced themselves. The committee welcomed new member AISD Trustee, Lynn Boswell.

Committee members discussed the impact of COVID-19 and Winter Storm Uri on partnership, relationship and joint partnership, and how the entities collaborated during these crises. The members identified the following areas that went well 1) student and caregiver meals, 2) supporting local restaurants and 3) securing shelter during storm. The opportunities for improvement that were discussed included: structural inequities and identified identification of campuses in different areas of town for resilience hubs that are not subject to flooding where there's ample parking and are close to transportation.

The overall priorities included:

1. The success of supplying meals for families during the pandemic and winter storm; support of small businesses.
2. Mental health
3. Success by 6
4. Workforce development
5. Homelessness challenges for children and adults
6. Community Resilience/ Resilience Hub (want staff report on this at every meeting)
7. Joint use of facilities (how to create a process that makes such use more consistent & predicable)
8. Affordable housing
9. Funding from federal government

The body discussed the priorities over the next year which included more frequent meetings from quarterly to meetings every other month. The creation of taskforces among the elected officers that would provide written briefings for the Joint Subcommittee to consider. The discussion included maximizing federal funding.

The members discussed and decided on the following working groups and their assignments:

1. Success by 6 (Jeff Travillion, Alison Alter, Lynn Boswell, Kathie Tovo)
2. Workforce development (City/County has worked) Lynn Boswell would like long term and immediate needs for students graduating)
3. Homelessness (Mayor Adler, Lynn Boswell, Kathie Tovo)
4. Community Resilience Building/Preparedness and HUBs (Brigid Shea, Kathy Tovo)  
JSC could have written updates and provide additional ideas) written reports.
5. Joint use of facilities
6. Affordable housing

Councilmember Tovo would like a written report from the Austin Ed Fund if the group identifies other issues the committee has not identified.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03pm

### Topics listed were provide by Committee members from April 19, 2021 Agenda

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| City of Austin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Recovery Plan and CARES funding</li> <li>• Working with other Governmental entities</li> <li>• Elaborating on the “Deployment of Funds” related to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Childcare / Pre-K</li> <li>○ Afterschool Child Care</li> <li>○ Workforce Development</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How the City of Austin and Travis County can support AISD in the reopening of schools relating to the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assisting high school students impacted by COVID-19 who are working to transition to college or jobs after graduation.</li> <li>○ Address mental health issues</li> <li>○ Ensuring there are summer learning opportunities.</li> <li>○ Finding ways to encourage hesitant staff to get the vaccine.</li> <li>○ School enrollment and budget implications of COVID.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Travis County  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequency of meetings (i.e. every 2 months).</li> <li>• Expand membership to potential court members, council members and school districts.</li> </ul>  |