



JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

Austin City Council

Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees

Travis County Commissioners Court

Friday, January 28, 2022

11:30am – 1:30pm

TRAVIS COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS' COURT AND VIRTUAL

700 Lavaca, Austin, 78702

Minutes prepared by: Travis County Staff

MEMBERS PRESENT

Austin Independent School District (AISD)

Geronimo M. Rodriguez, Board President, District 6

Noelita Lugo, Board Trustee, At-Large Position 8

Lynn Boswell, Board Trustee, District 5

Edna Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy Oversight

City of Austin

Kathie Tovo, Council Member, District 9

Alison Alter, Council Member, District 10

Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager

Travis County

Brigid Shea, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jeff Travillion, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Sherri Fleming, County Executive for Travis County Health and Human Services

CALL TO ORDER

County Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea called the Joint Subcommittees meeting to order at 11:40AM

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to provide public comment.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Tovo made the motion to approve the November 29, 2021, meeting minutes and Mayor Pro Tem Alter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Travis County staff presented the proposed bylaw language change on page 4 section **Quorum** subsection I to strike the word “*physically*” adding the language “*A meeting may not convene until a quorum of members are present. A member may participate remotely by means of a videoconference call and in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.127. The presiding officer of the hosting agency shall be physically present to conduct the proceedings.*”

County Commissioner Travillion motioned to approve the proposed language to the bylaws. The motion received a second from Council Member Tovo. The motion passed unanimously.

III. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS WRITTEN REPORTS (Resilience Hubs)

Assistant City Manager, Stephanie Hayden-Howard introduced staff from the City and AISD and stated that the report was prepared and sent to the body in advance. Staff introduced themselves to the body and were available to receive questions from the committee members.

Staff updated members regarding the timeline; reported that locations have been identified; updated that the City and entities are prepared to address disasters within the City and County. Staff reported that the locations identified are pre-staged locations in the event of a disaster and that venues were selected in consultation with Austin Disaster Relief, American Red Cross and other partners; however, the venues have to agree to serve as a resilience Hub.

The Austin Independent School District representative reported that the school district identified facilities that can serve as shelters with alternative shelters identified. The Red Cross reviewed their sites to ensure they would be compliant and AISD has housed supplies at their warehouse.

County Commissioner Travillion commented on the criteria on how the locations are selected and what schools and recreation centers are in proximity to fire stations, EMS, hospitals, stores and transportation to the location.

Staff will provide additional feedback to committee members regarding the criteria.

Trustee Boswell raised concerns regarding communication tools and how to share the message to people that need it most when developing the physical aspects. Staff reported that the City and County are collaborating on the Ready Central Texas Campaign to ensure effective communication using official and unofficial channels. Comm. Shea shared that there is a need to ensure that the communication is out in advance of the disaster and find better ways to build informal network of communication.

Mayor Adler shared that the decentralized approach is great and needs to expand to neighbors helping neighbors.

Comm. Shea inquired about the community advisory committee and if this committee includes representatives for the homebound community and whether staff will add other

agencies to the advisory committee. Travis County representatives from the Health & Human Services Family Support Services and Facilities Management are included in the planning and discussions. It was suggested that the Austin Group for the Elderly should be included in the planning.

No action taken.

IV. Coordination on COVID -19 Vaccine Distribution & Access for AISD Students and Austin's under 12 years of age population (Presentation)

Cassandra DeLeon, Chief Administrative Office presented an update on the COVID-19 pediatric vaccine distribution strategy. Ms. DeLeon reported that the pediatric vaccination rate for Austin/Travis County is at 71% vaccination rate and is performing better than the state. Austin Public Health hosted vaccine events in January and February and has ongoing clinics in the community. Austin Public Health also includes education and outreach at the clinics at the school campuses. It was reported that the school-based clinics were convenient for families because it did not require additional scheduling or coordination.

Trustee Lugo inquired if Austin Public Health is sharing these best practices with other counties. Comm. Shea shared that Constable Morales' strike team serves as an example reaching the people in the community. Trustee Lugo inquired about the Austin Public Health survey and whether the information from the survey has been analyzed to weigh the results with the behaviors of the population surveyed.

No action was taken.

V. Standing Items (set at previous meetings)

- A. Unfinished Business and New Business
- B. Update on Possible Bond Elections
- C. Future Agendas and Meeting Dates - Bi-monthly date options:

Trustee Lugo inquired about the process to add housing affordability to the Joint Subcommittees agenda. Comm. Shea shared that it has been a priority for the JSC. Mayor Pro Tem Alter stated that the City of Austin formed an Economic Development unit to address housing and the County has the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation to address affordable housing. The committee will add affordable housing to the standing item for future agenda was requested that previous presentations on affordable housing be provided to JSC members.

Trustee Rodriguez indicated that people who volunteer to substitute teacher and help with clerical duties on campus cannot afford the background fingerprint checks and asked if there is a place, they can go to get the background check at no cost. Councilmember Tovo and Mayor Pro Tem will look into fingerprinting with the police department and the County will check with the Justice department about resources. It was requested to provide previous presentations on the affordable housing be sent out.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m.