



**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

March 9, 2022  
Virtual Meeting

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**Meeting called to order at 9:44 a.m.**

*Committee Members Present:*

1. *Council Member Kathie Tovo*
2. *Council Member Vanessa Fuentes*
3. *Council Member Ann Kitchen*
4. *Mayor Steve Adler*
5. *Natasha Harper-Madison – off the dais*

**Public Communication: General**

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

*Speaker #1. Fred Lewis, Request for full presentation in April on Central Health Issues-Present virtually*

*Speaker #2 Paul Saldana, Request Review of the City's Response of Pandemic Emergency Preparedness Distribution of Resources and Support -Present virtually*

*Speaker #3 Scott Johnson, Public Homeless Students Fund-Present*

**Approval of Minutes**

1. **Approve the minutes of the Public Health Committee meeting on November 9, 2021 and February 9, 2022.**

*Council Member Kitchen moved to approve the minutes of the Public Health Committee meetings on November 9, 2021 and February 9, 2022. Seconded by Chair Tovo. Passed on a 3-0 vote.*

**Discussion and Possible Action**

2. **Approve the 2022 Public Health Committee Schedule.**  
***Sponsors: Council Member Kathie Tovo, and Council Member Vanessa Fuentes.***

*Council Member Kitchen moved to approve the 2022 Public Health Committee Schedule. Seconded by Vice Chair Fuentes. Passed on a 3-0 vote.*

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of the City's appointee to the Sobering Center Local Government Corporation Board of Directors.**  
*Withdrawn*



## Briefings

**4. Briefing and discussion on issues related to homelessness.**

*Withdrawn*

**5. Briefing regarding the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Community Planning Process.**

**Sponsors: Council Member Kathie Tovo, and Council Member Ann Kitchen**  
*The Committee received a presentation from Rachel Coff and Courtney Bissonnet Lucas, Research & Planning Division, Travis County Health and Human Services*

**6. Briefing regarding Trauma Recovery Centers in Austin**

**Sponsors: Council Member Kathie Tovo, and Council Member Vanessa Fuentes**  
*The Committee received a presentation from Terra Tucker, Texas State Director, Alliance for Safety and Justice Tricia Forbes, Alliance for Safety and Justice, Dr. Boccellari, University of California, San Francisco Professor, and founder of the Trauma Recovery Center Model*

## Future Items

**7. Future Items**

*None*

## Addendum

**8. Discussion and possible action on a resolution related to the implementation of a Trauma Recovery Center.** *Conducted under Briefing regarding Trauma Recovery Centers in Austin (Item #6)*

**Sponsors: Council Member Kathie Tovo, and Council Member Vanessa Fuentes**  
*On a motion by Vice-Chair Fuentes and a second by Council Member Kitchen, Chair Fuentes presented a draft resolution and led discussion. The resolution would direct the city manager to implement a Trauma Recovery Center in collaboration with Travis County and return to Council with an update. Passed on a 4-0 vote.*

**Adjourned at 11:28 a.m.**