



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a special called meeting on Friday, February 11, 2022 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler called the Board Meeting to order at 8:12am.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Vice Chair Lea Downey Gallatin, Kergin Bedell, Jason English, Kate Garza, Nicole Golden, Jocelyn Schwartz, Andrew Williams.

Staff in Attendance: Pete Valdez, Judge Coffey, Robert Kingham, Lauren Stott, Laura Williamson, Edna Staniszewski

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- Jeff Steinley – item #4Aiii
- Chris Harshbarger – item #4Aiii
- Hanan Levy – item #4Aiii

1. APPROVAL OF JULY 16, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

- Commissioner Kergin Bedell moved to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Kate Garza seconded the motion. Motion passed by 8-0 vote.

2. AUSTIN HOMELESSNESS SYSTEM CLIENT FEEDBACK

Individuals sharing first-hand account regarding their experiences being served through Austin’s homelessness system. Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will be allowed a three-minute allotment to provide their feedback to the Board.

- None

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Expand the jurisdiction of Downtown Austin Community Court. (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin) Jaclyn Gerban, Assistant City Attorney.

- Presented to the board
- Amendment #1 – would expand the geographic jurisdiction.
- Amendment #2 – would allow DACC's current practices to be reflected in the code.
- Following some discussion, a City Legal recommended moving forward with Amendment #2, and Amendment #1 can be considered in stages.

- City Manager’s Office would like to see a cross departmental meeting between Homeless Strategy Office, Municipal Court, and Austin Public Health to look at their perspectives regarding expansion.
- No Action taken on this item
- B. Adopt 2022 Meeting Schedule – Pete Valdez, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)
 - Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler proposed to move the scheduled date of March 18th to March 11th. Vice Chair Lea Downey Gallatin made a motion to approve new date. Commissioner Jocelyn Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion passed by 8-0 vote.
 - Later, the time slot presented for discussion. Commissioner Jocelyn Schwartz made motion to move time slot to 8am and Commissioner Nicole Golden seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0 vote.
- C. FY 22-23 Budget Recommendations (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin) – Pete Valdez, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)
 - The board examined a few budget items that are coming to an end in FY22 and the needs for FY23. There was not enough time to go over each one, therefore it was suggested that a workgroup put it together and present it at the next meeting. Both Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler and Vice-Chair Lea Downey Gallatin volunteered and a community public member, Jeff Steinley offered to participate.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Status of DACC operations during COVID-19, changes in operations, any new trends noticed. Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin) – Robert Kingham, Court Operations Manager, Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)
 - i Rapid Rehousing efforts, staffing and housing placement
 - ii Court dockets
 - iii DACC facility update
 - Pete Valdez updated members of the proposed site as the old Municipal Court Building. It’s in the upcoming agenda item for Council to review and renovations will take about two years.
 - iv Violet Keep Safe Program

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Update on Intensive Case Management program evaluation project
- B. Update on homelessness mapping initiative
- C. Summary from staff, Austin Public Health, Municipal Court and Homeless Strategy Office on expansion of jurisdiction
- D. Election of officers

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Lea Downey Gallatin made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Kate Garza seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9.31am