



Item 1

**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2022**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a hybrid meeting on August 24, 2022 via videoconferencing and at City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

Vice Chair Diana Wheeler called the Board Meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Kaiba White, Diana Wheeler, Richard DePalma, David Carroll, Melissa Rothrock, Fisayo Fedulu, Haris Qureshi, Karen Hadden, Alberta Phillips, Solveij Rosa Praxis, Frances Deviney

Board Members Absent: none

City Staff in Attendance:

Zach Baumer, Phillip Duran

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The speakers who registered in advance for public comment have three minutes each to address items on the agenda at this time.

- None

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Austin 24th, 2022, meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee
 - Postponed due to rules of order.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Austin Water Implementation of the Climate Equity Plan – Sherri Kuhl, Kevin Critendon, Heather Dalrymple, Kevin Kluge, Marisa Flores Gonzalez Austin Water
- A presentation overview of Austin Water’s services and their role in Austin Climate Equity Plan implementation to meet water demand goal (152,000 acre-feet by 2030)
 - Near-term goals from Water Forward plan are in implementation phase
 - Updating Water Forward 2024 Equity Initiatives
 - Increasing access to Water Conservation Program through added language access and focus on underserved areas. Also increasing equitable access to all programs by reducing barriers of use (e.g. instant savings pilot program)
 - Commissioners questions to be submitted via email in the interest of time
- b) Resilient Austin – Laura Patiño, Chief Resilience Officer
- An overview presentation on resilience in Austin
 - Resilience is referenced in existing City plans and efforts
 - Resilience is systems thinking that looks at elements before, during and after major events
 - Resilience across multiple scales: people, communities, City, Region
 - Pilot program of six Resilience Hubs to be established by the end of CY 2022. Physical place of refuge (heating/cooling, food, water), services, programming, and information available
 - Qureshi: Will there be medical services provided at the Resilience Hubs?
 - Patiño: Main focus for the 6 pilot sites is disaster preparedness. This work must complement HSEM efforts. What services will be provided is under consideration
 - DePalma: When will the cross departmental plan alignment assessment with resilience efforts be available? Who will be performing that work?
 - Patiño: Work is underway, working the Office of Sustainability and other departments as well as external groups to perform this task.
 - Hadden: Will there be mobile assets available during extreme events to meet community members where they live with food, water, and services?
 - Patiño: Every option is being considered. This would be one item in our toolkit. CapMetro buses have been involved in the past.
 - Phillips: What is the strategy to break down the silos at the city and work with the community to create a collaborative
 - Patiño: It starts with a shared definition of Resilience and a shared purpose.

- c) Commission members report back on any relevant discussions from their respective boards and commissions – (Discussion and/or possible action)
 - None reported

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None

Motion to adjourn (Vice Chair Wheeler)

Meeting adjourns at 7:51 pm

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The minutes were approved at the October 26, 2022 meeting on Commissioner Rothrock's motion, Commissioner Wheeler second on a 10-0 vote.