



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 8, 2023

Committee Members Present:

1. Mayor Kirk Watson
2. Chair Vanessa Fuentes
3. Co-Chair José Velásquez

Additional Council Members on the dais

1. Zohaib “Zo” Qadri
2. Ryan Alter
3. Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager

Committee Members Absent:

1. José “Chito” Vela
2. Mackenzie Kelly

Call to Order

Chair Fuentes called the committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Communication: General

There were ten (10) speakers

Paulette Soltani
Armando magana
Tuyet Sang Vo
Carolyn Williams
Maria Cepeda

Kellie Alexander
Katie Reale
William Keefer
Rael Ockletree
Nohemi Adams

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Re-approve the Public Health Committee meeting meetings for the November 28, 2022, to correct scrivener’s errors.**

The minutes of the November 28, 2022, Public Health Committee meeting were approved on Mayor Watson’s motion, and Vice Chair Velásquez second, on a 3-0 vote, with Council Member Vela and Council Member Kelly off the dais.

- 2. Approve minutes of the Public Health Committee meeting on December 14, 2022.**

The minutes of the December 14, 2022, Public Health Committee meeting were approved on Vice Chair Velásquez’s motion, and Mayor Watson’s second, on a 3-0 vote, with Council Member Vela and Council Member Kelly off the dais

Briefing

- 3. Briefing and discussion on issues related to homeless.**

The Committee received a briefing on homelessness strategies with presentation from Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer.

The Committee received comments from eight (8) of the ten (10) speakers that signed up for comments.

4. Receive staff briefing for Council to adopt the Austin Public Library Long-range Strategic Plan per accreditation requirements under Title 13 of the Texas Administrative Code, Section 1.83(6).

The Committee received a briefing on the Austin Public Library Long-range Strategic Plan with presentation from Director Roosevelt Weeks.

Future Items

5. Discuss future agenda items.

- Discuss the memo related to the intersex community based on the resolution passed in 2021 to condemn nonconsensual surgery
- Convening a conversation with stakeholders on gun violence as a Public Health crisis in June
- Update on our food system, childcare, mental health, language inclusion, housing, and employment.

Chair Fuentes adjourned the meeting at 11:33a.m.