



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 12, 2023

Committee Members Present:

1. Mayor Kirk Watson
2. Chair Vanessa Fuentes
3. Co-Chair José Velásquez
4. José “Chito” Vela

Additional Council Members on the dais

1. Zohaib “Zo” Qadri
2. Ryan Alter

Committee Members Absent:

1. Mackenzie Kelly

Call to Order

Chair Fuentes called the committee meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Public Communication: General

No speakers

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the Public Health Committee meeting minutes for the March 8, 2022.**

The minutes of the March 8, 2023, Public Health Committee meeting were approved on Vice Chair Velásquez’s motion, and Council Member Vela’s second. The motion passed unanimously with Council Member Kelly off the dais.

Briefing

2. **Briefing from Richard McHale, Interim Director of Austin Resource Recovery on the recent storm debris clean up.**

Austin Public Health Director Adrienne Sturup provided a brief introduction on the impact of storm debris’ and how it relates to Public Health. Interim Director Richard McHale brief the Committee on the storm debris clean up.

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.

Future Items

4. **Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**

March Mental Health month

Mental Health Diversion

CAN Mental Health and First Aid Training

Chair Fuentes adjourned the meeting at 11:04a.m.

The minutes were approved on the 10th day of May 2023 passing on unanimous with Council Members Vela and Kelly off the dais.