



**Special Called Meeting of the Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board
MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2023**

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Thursday, July 27 at the City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Room 1401/1402, Austin, TX 78752.

Board Members in Attendance:

Andrea Abel, Lisa Barden, Joi Chevalier, Larry Franklin, Karen Magid, Kacey Hanson, Rosamaria Murillo

Board Members Absent:

Mark Bethell, Sari Vatske

Staff in Attendance:

Edwin Marty (City of Austin), Amanda Rohlich (City of Austin)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joi Chevalier called the meeting to order at 12:18 pm

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM

1. Discuss and take action on a board statement and recommendation to City Council regarding the 2023-2024 proposed City of Austin budget (see back-up for proposal)
 - a. Concern with potential loss of autonomy of the Office of Sustainability under the new consolidation
 - b. Discussion of the justification for City Manager placing OOS under Planning and potential benefits of this consolidation.
 - c. Questions about other offices within the RISE Offices and where they are going.
 - d. In practice, how much autonomy do these offices have?
 - e. We need to put in some of the things that could be expected if this consolidation happened.
 - i. Sustainability currently has capacity to make equitable, innovative informed, and uncoerced decisions and actions with community and key stakeholders.
 - ii. Potential misalignment with strategies and metrics of the planning department
 - f. Karen makes a motion to approve the statement pending edits based on the conversation with a small group to come together and refine language. Seconded by Joi Chevalier. A final statement needs to be completed by end of day next Tuesday, August 1.
 - i. The motion was approved 5-0, with Rosamaria Murillo and Andrea Abel abstaining. Mark Bethell and Sari Vatske were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Joi Chevalier adjourned the meeting at 1:09 pm

The minutes were approved at the September 11, 2023, meeting on Board Member Karen Magid's motion, Board Member Lisa Barden's second with a 7-0 vote.