



## **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

August 9, 2023

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### Committee Members Present:

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

### Additional Council Members on the dais

1. Ryan Alter

### Committee Members Absent:

1. Mackenzie Kelly

### Call to Order

**Chair Fuentes called the committee meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.**

### Public Communication: General

No speakers

### Approval of Minutes

#### **1. Approve the Public Health Committee meeting minutes for the June 14, 2022.**

On the motion by Council member Vela and second by Mayor Watson, the meeting minutes for the June 14, 2023, Public Health Committee were approved on unanimous consent with Council Member Kelly absent.

### Discussion and Possible Action

#### **2. Discussion and possible action regarding the re-appointment of Dr. Chris Ziebell and Chad Hooten to the Soberig Center Board.**

On the motion by Mayor Watson and second by Council Member Vela, the Committee approved the re-appointment of Dr. Chris Ziebell and Chad Hooten. Vote 4 – 0 with Council Member Kelly absent.

#### **3. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Jenny Achille to the Community Development Commission.**

On the motion by Mayor Watson and second by Council Member Vela, the Committee approved the re-appointment of Dr. Chris Ziebell and Chad Hooten. Vote 4 – 0 with Council Member Kelly absent

### Briefing

#### **4. Briefing from the Texass Health Action and Kind Clinic staff regarding the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Texting Program and STI data trends.**

Received briefing from Christopher Hamilton the Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Sandra Guerra Chief Medical Officer of the Texas Environmental Health Association on the data trends and STI testing in the Austin community.

**5. Briefing on issues related to homelessness from the Homeless Strategy Officer.**

Received briefing from Dianna Grey, Homeless Strategy Officer on issues related to homelessness.

**6. Discuss the selection of member to the Sobering Center Board of Directors and Community Development Commission (Personnel matters – Section 551.074 of the Government Code)..**

This item was withdrawn and no action taken.

**Chair Fuentes adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.**

*The minutes were approved on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 passing on unanimous consent on the motion by Council Member Vela's with a second from Council Member Ryan Alter. Vote 4-0  
Mayor Watkson off the dais.*