



**AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

The Austin Travis County Public Health Commission convened in a regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Wallace called the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission Meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*Larry Wallace, Jr., Chair*

*William Rice, Vice Chair*

*Chris Crookham*

*Natalie Poindexter*

*Jacob Whitty*

*Martha Lujan*

*Enrique Lin Shiao*

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

*Cara Dahlhausen*

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**

*Jaseudia Killion*

**Ex-Officio and Staff in Attendance:**

*Dr. Desmar Walkes,  
Austin/Travis County  
Public Health Authority*

*Megan Cermak, Director of  
Public Health Strategy,  
Policy, and Disaster  
Response, Central Health*

*Ana Almaguel, Division  
Director Public Health, Travis  
County Health and Human  
Services*

*Juanita Jackson,  
Austin Public Health*

*Daniela Romero,  
Austin Public Health*

*Eric Carter, Chief Emergency  
Management Coordinator,  
Travis County Office of  
Emergency Management*

*Cassandra DeLeon,  
Assistant Director of Disease  
Prevention Health Promotion,  
APH*

*Heather Cooks-Sinclair,  
Program Manager II,  
APH*

*Janet Pichette, Chief  
Epidemiologist, APH*

*Nelda Garcia,  
Supervisor RN, APH*

*Saeed Azadi,  
Division Manager,  
APH*

**Ex-Officio and Staff in Attendance Remotely:**

*Adrienne Sturup*

**Ex-Officio and Staff Absent:**

*Pilar Sanchez*

*Perla Cavazos*

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Larry Franklin, Founder of Black Lives Veggies – Gave brief communication on food access and education in Austin and need to develop a partnership with local government to educate underserved communities.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission regular meeting on December 6, 2023.

The minutes for the regular meeting of November 1, 2023, were approved on the motion by Vice Chair Rice with a second from Commissioner Lin Shiao. The motion passed on a 8-0 vote.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Presentation by Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator of Travis County Office of Emergency Management on their organizational structure, programs and services provided.
3. Presentation by members of Austin Public Health Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Unit on programs and services provided related to sexual health and immunizations.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a revised list of requirements for potential alternative site meetings. On the motion of Vice Chair and the second by Commissioner Lin Shiao the motion to approve list of requirements. The motion passed on unanimous consent.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve priority list of topics for future meetings. On the motion of Vice Chair and the second by Commissioner Lin Shiao the motion to approve list of topics for future meetings. The motion passed on unanimous consent.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Presentation by Central Health on Community Health Assessment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wallace adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m. without objection.