



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 13, 2023**

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Committee Members Present:

1. Chair Vanessa Fuentes
2. Vice-Chair José Velásquez
3. José “Chito” Vela

Committee Members Absent

Mayor Kirk Watson  
Ryan Alter

Call to Order

**Vice-Chair Velásquez called the committee meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.**

Public Communication: General

1. Adrien Laranado No comments
2. Paulette Saltoni, Co Director Local Texas – looks to be included in conversation with the Homeless Strategy Office
3. Walter Mareaux, Director of Foudation Communities, Friday , December 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up on healthcare.gov and announce during tax services
4. Scott Johnson Creater of Student Assistance Fund, homeless student fund is funded through the City of Austin utility bill
5. Chase Wright – Executive Director for Hungry Hill Foundation – Only African American non-profit organiz

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the Public Health Committee meeting minutes for September 20, 2023.**

On the motion by Vice Chair Velásquez and second by Vela, the minutes for the September 20, 2023 meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved on a vote 3-0 with Mayor Watson and Council Member Ryan Alter absent.

**Discussion and Possible Action**

2. **Approve the 2024 Public Health Committee annual schedule**

On the motion by Vela and second by Velásquez the 2024 meeting calendar for the Public Health Committee was approved vote 3-0 with Mayor Watson and Council Member Ryan Alter absent.

**Briefings**

6. **Update on the Continuum of Care for Unhoused Persons and the Health Equity Plan from Central Health.**

Received an update from Perla Cavazos, Deputy Administrator and Monica Crowley, Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Council, Mike Geeslin, President and CEO and Alan Schalscha on the continuum of care for unhoused persons and the health equity plan.

4. **Update on the Community-Owned Food Retail Initiative project.**

Synolvia Holt-Rabb, Director of the Economic Development Department and Donald Jackson provided overview on the Go Vomas Austin Community-Owned Food Retail initiative project.

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

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

#### **Executive Session**

- 7. Discuss the selection of members to the Central Health Board of Directors (Personnel matters Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code).**

Discussed items related to item 3

#### **Discussion and Possible Action**

- 3. Discussion and possible action regarding re-appointment of Maram Museitif and review application to fill vacancies for the Central Health Board of Managers**

On the motion by Vice Chair Velásquez and second by Councilmember Vela, the motion passed unanimously to re-appoint Maram Museitif to the Central Health Board of Managers.

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