



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

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

The Austin Travis County Public Health Commission convened in a regular meeting on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**, at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

**Vice Chair Rice called the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission Meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*William Rice, Vice Chair  
Natalie Poindexter*

*Cara Dahlhausen*

*Jacob Whitty*

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

*Larry Wallace, Jr., Chair  
Chris Crookham*

*Jaseudia Killion*

*Martha Lujan*

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**

*Enrique Lin Shiao*

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

*Adrienne Sturup, Director,  
Austin Public Health*

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

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

*Kodjo Dodo, Public Health  
Program Manager II, Austin  
Public Health*

*Charlotte Davis, Resource  
Manager, Joint Sustainability  
Committee*

*Juanita Jackson,  
Austin Public Health*

*Daniela Romero,  
Austin Public Health*

**Ex-Officio and Staff in Attendance Remotely: NONE**

**Ex-Officio and Staff Absent**

*Pilar Sanchez*

*Perla Cavazos*

*Megan Cermak*

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Shannon Jones, former Public Health Director for City of Austin and Travis County – Gave brief communication commending Public Health Commission for their work. Speaker encouraged commission to continue to focus on public health disparities and issues in the Austin community and advocate for policy advancement through collaboration and community engagement.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission regular meeting on February 7, 2024.

The minutes for the regular meeting held on January 3, 2024, were approved on the motion by Commissioner Chris Crookham with a second from Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shia, Off Dais: Commissioner Natalie Poindexter)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Presentation by Kodjo Dodo, Public Health Program Manager II with Austin Public Health on the findings of the 2022 Community Health Assessment.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

3. Brief presentation by Charlotte Davis on the work done by the Joint Sustainability Committee in terms of Public Health. The possibility of integrating a member of the Public Health Commission was also discussed and is pending approval by the City Council. No action was taken.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

4. Special call meeting needed before regular March meeting for budget process training.
5. Presentation by Sobering Center on their organizational structure, programs and services provided.
6. Presentation by Integral Care on their organizational structure, programs and services provided.
7. Discussion of agency policies and begin making policy recommendations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Rice adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. without objection.