



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

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

The Austin Travis County Public Health Commission convened in a regular meeting on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 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 2:38 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*Larry Wallace, Jr., Chair*

*Natalie Poindexter*

*Jacob Whitty*

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

*Enrique Lin Shiao*

*Chris Crookham*

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**

*William Rice, Vice Chair*

*Cara Dahlhausen*

*Jaseudia Killion*

*Martha Lujan*

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

*Adrienne Sturup,  
Director,  
Austin Public Health*

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

*Pilar Sanchez, County  
Executive, Travis County  
Health and Human Services*

*Paul K. Emerson,  
Government Relations  
Manager, Central Health*

*Juanita Jackson,  
Austin Public Health*

*Daniela Romero,  
Austin Public Health*

*Laura Elmore,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
The Sobering Center*

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

**Ex-Officio and Staff Absent**

*Perla Cavazos*

*Megan Cermak*

*Ana Almaguel*

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Larry Franklin, Founder of Black Lives Veggies, Commissioner on Austin Travis County Food Policy Board and Joint Sustainability Committee, and Co-Chair of Austin-Travis County Food Plan – Gave brief communication on pro-climate/pro-food recommendation. Speaker would like to return to commission to provide more information on proposed recommendation and possible support from the commission.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission regular meeting on March 6, 2024.

The minutes for the regular meeting held on February 7, 2024, were approved on the motion by Commissioner Jacob Whitty with a second from Commissioner Natalie Poindexter. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Vice Chair William Rice, Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen, Commissioner Jaseudia Killion and Commissioner Martha Lujan)

2. Approve the minutes of the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission special call meeting on March 6, 2024.

The minutes for the special call meeting held on February 26, 2024, were approved on the motion by Commissioner Jacob Whitty with a second from Commissioner Natalie Poindexter. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Vice Chair William Rice, Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen, Commissioner Jaseudia Killion and Commissioner Martha Lujan)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Presentation by Laura Elmore, Chief Executive Officer of the Sobering Center on organizations structure, programs and services provided.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4. Discuss and take action to create budget work group for Fiscal Year 2025. Chair Larry Wallace, Commissioner Chris Crookham and Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao volunteered to be part of the budget work group. The motion to approve budget work group members was approved on Commissioner Jacob Whitty's motion, Commissioner Natalie Poindexter second on a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Vice Chair William Rice, Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen, Commissioner Jaseudia Killion and Commissioner Martha Lujan)

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

5. Action item for officer election during the April regular meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wallace adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m. without objection.

*The minutes were approved at the March 9<sup>h</sup>, 2024 meeting on Vice Chair William Rice motion, Commissioner Jacob Whitty second with a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen)*