



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

Saturday, March 9, 2024

The Austin Travis County Public Health Commission convened in a special called meeting on **Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 6800 Burleson Road – Room 195.15 in Austin, Texas.**

Chair Wallace called the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

*Larry Wallace, Jr., Chair
Enrique Lin Shiao
Martha Lujan*

*William Rice, Vice Chair
Chris Crookham*

*Jacob Whitty
Natalie Poindexter*

Board Members/Commissioners/Ex-Officio and Staff Absent:

Cara Dahlhausen

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

*Daniela Romero,
Austin Public Health*

Ex-Officio and Staff in Attendance:

*Adrienne Sturup,
Director,
Austin Public Health*

*Perla Cavazos
Deputy Administrator
Central Health*

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

*Juanita Jackson,
Austin Public Health*

*Ana Almaguel
Travis County
Health and Human Services*

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission regular meeting on March 9, 2024.

The minutes for the regular meeting held on March 6, 2024, were approved on the motion by Vice Chair William Rice with a second from Commissioner Jacob Whitty. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen)

BRIEFING

2. Briefing from each Commissioner on their professional background and areas of interest for serving on the Public Health Commission.

Received briefing from each Commissioner and Ex-Officio on the professional background and what their area(s) of interest are related to serving on the Public Health Commission.

3. Briefing on the ten essential public health functions County from Austin Public Health staff.

Commissioner received briefing from Lauren Marsh, Director of Workforce Development on the ten essential public health functions.

4. Presentation on the critical public health indicators in Austin Travis County from Austin Public Health staff.

Commissioners received a briefing from the Director Adrienne Sturup on the critical public health indicators in Austin Travis County.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Discussion on how public health trends impact Austin Travis County and what the commission can do to address them.

Commissioners and Ex-Officios reviewed and discussed how the public health trends impact Austin Travis County and what the commission can do to address them by using the information shared from the ten essential public health functions and the critical health indicators.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Discussion regarding the public health indicators and potential creation of workings groups to address the disparities of these indicators.

The discussed the public health indicators and recommends creation of an Infrastructure and Access working group, Advocacy and Partnership working group, and Budgeting working group.

The members will serve on the working groups as outlined:

Infrastructure/Access	Advocacy & Partnership	Budget *
Comm. Crookham	Ex. Officio Sturup	Chair Wallace
Vice Chair Rice	Ex. Officio Cavazos	Comm Crookham
Comm. Poindexter	Comm. Whitty	Comm. Lin Shiao
Ex. Officio Sanchez	Comm. Lin Shiao	
	Comm. Lujan	

7. Discussion the FY25 Budget process including the possible creation of a working group to focus on the budget objectives.

The Commission discussed creating the budget working group and recommends endorsing the following FY25 Budget recommendations from the Joint Inclusion Commission.

#	Topic	Explanation	Commission
1	Funding for outreach on Emergency Preparedness	Request funds to make people aware of emergency resources	Aging
2	Funding to help prepare community	Outreach events on emergency preparedness, how to prepare, possibly for emergency kits, etc.	Aging
5	Increased funds for I Belong in Austin program	Increased funds (\$5 – 7M) to for emergency housing and utility assistance targeted to older adults to prevent additional persons from becoming unhoused.	Aging
6	Equity Office Proposal	Request that Equity Office remain a standalone entity and that an Equity Office be appointed.	Aging
9	Increased APH Immunizations Funding	APH, Immunizations is requesting additional funds (amount TBD) for more High Dose flu doses for those 65+ as well as other vaccines for older populations.	Aging
12	Home Childcare Provider Emergency Support		Hispanic/Latino

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss and take action to elect officers during the April regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wallace adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the March 25th, 2024 meeting on Vice Chair William Rice's motion, Commissioner Chris Crookham second on a 6-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao, Off Dais: Commissioner Martha Lujan)