



**AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 25, 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 2:34 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*Larry Wallace, Jr., Chair  
Chris Crookham*

*William Rice, Vice Chair*

*Natalie Poindexter*

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

*Cara Dahlhausen*

*Jacob Whitty*

*Martha Lujan*

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**

*Enrique Lin Shiao*

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

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

*Perla Cavazos,  
Deputy Administrator,  
Central Health*

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

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

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

*Juanita Jackson,  
Austin Public Health*

*Daniela Romero,  
Austin Public Health*

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

**Ex-Officio and Staff Absent**

*Adrienne Sturup*

*Megan Cermak*

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission regular meeting on March 25, 2024.

The minutes for the special call meeting of March 9, 2024 were approved with the following amendments on Vice Chair William Rice motion, Commissioner's Chirs Crookham second on a 6-0 vote. The amendments were: Change the call to order time from 2:38 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao, Off Dais: Commissioner Martha Lujan)

## **ACTION ITEMS**

2. Approve the creation of an Infrastructure and Access work group with the following members: Vice Chair William Rice, Commissioner Chris Crookham, Commissioner Natalie Poindexter and Ex-Officio Pilar Sanchez.

The motion was approved with the following friendly amendment on motion by Chair Larry Wallace, seconded by Vice Chair William Rice on a 6-0 vote. The friendly amendment from Chair Larry Wallace was to add Ex-Officio Desmar Walkes, MD to the Infrastructure and Access work group. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Commissioner Chris Crookham, who seconded the motion. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao, Off Dais: Commissioner Martha Lujan)

3. Approve the creation of an Advocacy and Partnership work group with the following members: Commissioner Jacob Whitty, Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao, Commissioner Martha Lujan and Ex-Officio Adrienne Sturup.

The motion to approve the creation of the Advocacy and Partnership work group was approved 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)

4. Approve the budget work group recommendation for the endorsement of the Joint Inclusion Commission Fiscal year 2025 recommendation for "Funding for outreach on Emergency Preparedness"

The motion to approve the recommendation for endorsement was approved on Vice Chair William Rice's motion, Commissioner Chris Crookham second on a 7-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao)

5. Approve the budget work group recommendation for the endorsement of the Joint Inclusion Commission Fiscal year 2025 recommendation for “Funding to help prepare community”

The motion to approve the recommendation for endorsement was approved on Vice Chair William Rice’s motion, Commissioner Chris Crookham second on a 7-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao)

6. Approve the budget work group recommendation for the endorsement of the Joint Inclusion Commission Fiscal year 2025 recommendation for “Increased funds for I Belong in Austin program”

The motion to approve the recommendation for endorsement was approved on Vice Chair William Rice’s motion, Commissioner Chris Crookham second on a 7-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao)

7. Approve the budget work group recommendation for the endorsement of the Joint Inclusion Commission Fiscal year 2025 recommendation for “Equity Office Proposal”

The motion to approve the recommendation for endorsement was approved on Vice Chair William Rice’s motion, Commissioner Chris Crookham second on a 7-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao)

8. Approve the budget work group recommendation for the endorsement of the Joint Inclusion Commission Fiscal year 2025 recommendation for “Increased APH Immunizations Funding”

The motion to approve the recommendation for endorsement was approved on Vice Chair William Rice’s motion, Commissioner Natalie Poindexter second on a 6-0 vote. (Abstaining: Commissioner Chris Crookham, Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao)

9. Approve the budget work group recommendation for the endorsement of the Joint Inclusion Commission Fiscal year 2025 recommendation for “Home Childcare Provider Emergency Support”

The motion to approve the recommendation for endorsement was approved on Vice Chair William Rice’s motion, Commissioner Chris Crookham second on a 7-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao)

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

10. Presentation from Food Advisory Committee

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wallace adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m. without objection.