



**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 2nd 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.

The minutes were approved at the April 3rd, 2024 meeting on Vice Chair William Rice motion, Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao second with a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Chris Crookham, Off Dais: Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen and Commissioner Martha Lujan)