



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

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

The Austin Travis County Public Health Commission convened in a regular meeting on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.**

Chair Wallace called the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission Meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Larry Wallace, Jr., Chair

William Rice, Vice Chair

Natalie Poindexter

Enrique Lin Shiao

Jacob Whitty

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Cara Dahlhausen

Martha Lujan

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Chris Crookham

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 & Human Services*

*Perla Cavazos,
Deputy Administrator,
Central Health*

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

*Megan Cermak, Director of
Public Health Strategy, Policy
and Disaster Response,
Central Health*

*Daniela Romero,
Austin Public Health*

Ex-Officio and Staff in Attendance Remotely: NONE

Ex-Officio and Staff Absent

Juanita Jackson

Paul K. Emerson

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission special call meeting on April 3rd, 2024.

The minutes for the special call meeting of March 25, 2024 were approved on the motion by Vice Chair William Rice with a second from Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Chris Crookham, Off Dais: Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen and Commissioner Martha Lujan)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discuss the procedure to submit agenda items outside of an official meeting.

Staff provided commission a reminder of procedures to follow when requesting to add an item to a future agenda outside of a regular meeting.

3. Discussion on the structure, format of engagement and frequency of meetings for the Commission's work groups (Budget work group, Infrastructure and Access work group, and Advocacy and Partnership work group).

The commission discussed recommendations to create uniformity across created work groups and increase efficiency. The Commissioner's discussed expectations regards frequency of work group meetings, frequency of updates made to the commission and how to incorporate work group updates into future agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approve the budget work group's recommendation to endorse the City of Austin's Joint Inclusion Committee's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget recommendation for Funding for Outreach on Emergency Preparedness.

The motion to approve the recommendation to endorse the Joint Inclusion Committee's budget recommendation for Funding for Outreach on Emergency Preparedness was approved with the following friendly amendments on motion by Vice Chair William Rice, seconded by Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao on a 7-0 vote.

The friendly amendment from Vice Chair William Rice was to change the recommendations home committee from Joint Inclusion Committee to Austin Travis County Public Health Commission (ATC PHC), remove the Joint Inclusion Committee purpose statement and include language stating endorsement from the PHC. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao, who seconded the motion.

(Absent: Commissioner Chris Crookham)

5. Approve the budget work group's recommendation to endorse the City of Austin's Joint Inclusion Committee's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget recommendation for the Expansion of Emergency Housing and Utility Assistance Program.

The motion to approve the recommendation to endorse the Joint Inclusion Committee's budget recommendation for the Expansion of Emergency Housing and Utility Assistance Program was approved with the following friendly amendments on motion by Vice Chair William Rice, seconded by Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao on a 7-0 vote.

The friendly amendment from Vice Chair William Rice was to change the recommendations home committee from Joint Inclusion Committee to Austin Travis County Public Health Commission (ATC PHC), remove the Joint Inclusion Committee purpose statement and include language stating endorsement from the PHC. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao, who seconded the motion.

(Absent: Commissioner Chris Crookham)

6. Approve the budget work group's recommendation to endorse the City of Austin's Joint Inclusion Committee's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget recommendation for Equity Office Funding.

The motion to approve the recommendation to endorse the Joint Inclusion Committee's budget recommendation for Equity Office Funding was approved with the following friendly amendments on motion by Vice Chair William Rice, seconded by Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao on a 7-0 vote.

The friendly amendment from Vice Chair William Rice was to change the recommendations home committee from Joint Inclusion Committee to Austin Travis County Public Health Commission (ATC PHC), remove the Joint Inclusion Committee purpose statement and include language stating endorsement from the PHC. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao, who seconded the motion.

(Absent: Commissioner Chris Crookham)

7. Approve the budget work group's recommendation to endorse the City of Austin's Joint Inclusion Committee's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget recommendation for Additional Immunization Funding.

The motion to approve the recommendation to endorse the Joint Inclusion Committee's budget recommendation for Additional Immunization Funding was approved with the following friendly amendments on motion by Vice Chair William Rice, seconded by Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao on a 7-0 vote.

The friendly amendment from Vice Chair William Rice was to change the recommendations home committee from Joint Inclusion Committee to Austin Travis County Public Health Commission (ATC PHC), remove the Joint Inclusion Committee purpose statement and

include language stating endorsement from the PHC. This was accepted by the maker of the motion and Commissioner Enrique Lin Shiao, who seconded the motion.

(Absent: Commissioner Chris Crookham)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. Presentation from City of Austin's Office of Sustainability on food insecurity
9. Presentation from Austin Public Health's Health Equity and Community Engagement Division on community health workers
10. Work group updates.
11. Presentation from Food Policy Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wallace adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m. without objection.