



**REGULAR MEETING of the AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY FOOD POLICY BOARD  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025, 6:00 PM  
CITY OF AUSTIN PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 1406  
6310 WILHELMINA DELCO DRIVE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Some members of the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board may be participating by videoconference.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Amanda Rohlich, 512-974-1364, [Amanda.Rohlich@austintexas.gov](mailto:Amanda.Rohlich@austintexas.gov).

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Andrea Abel*  
*Lisa Barden, Vice-Chair*  
*Marissa Bell*  
*Mark Bethell*  
*Joi Chevalier, Chair*  
*Beth Corbett*

*Larry Franklin*  
*Hilda Gutierrez*  
*Kacey Hanson*  
*Natalie Poulos*  
*Matt Simon*  
*Andrew Smith*

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board member roll call.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board Regular Meeting from Monday, December 12, 2024.

**STAFF BRIEFING**

2. Briefing on Austin-Travis County Food Plan Implementation, Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager at City of Austin and Yaira Robinson, Assistant Director of Environmental Programs at Travis County

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Presentation from Drew De Los Santos, Executive Director at Austin Cooperative Business Association on the Del Valle Food Co-op.
4. Discuss the draft recommendation to support Goal 1, Strategy 1.12 of the Austin Travis County Food Plan: *Fully fund City and County park plans that include strategies to support community agriculture (such as the Vision Plan at John Trevino Jr. Metropolitan Park) and include support for staff to implement community agriculture programs in these locations and distribute food grown to surrounding communities.* Board Member Andrea Abel and Board Member Lisa Barden.
5. Discuss draft recommendation(s) to support Goal 1 of the Austin Travis County Food Plan: *Expand community food production, preserve agricultural lands, and increase the amount of farmland dedicated to regenerative food production long-term in Austin/Travis County,* Board Member Marissa Bell (land acquisition) and Board Member Matt Simon (regenerative agriculture).
6. Discuss draft recommendation(s) to support Goal 4 of the Austin Travis County Food Plan: *Establish and fund a resilient, inclusive, and accessible emergency food provision system that ensures all community members, regardless of cultural background or medical needs, have access to safe, nutritious, and culturally relevant food during disasters and emergencies,* Board Member Joi Chevalier
7. Discuss draft recommendation(s) to support Goal 5 of the Austin Travis County Food Plan: *Create more resilient and sustainable local supply chains by adopting values-aligned distribution and purchasing frameworks and increasing the percentage of institutional menus sourced locally,* Board Member Marissa Bell
8. Discuss the draft recommendation(s) to support Goal 6 of the Austin Travis County Food Plan: *Expand access to nutritious and culturally relevant food in food distribution programs and food retail locations for residents of Austin/Travis County experiencing food insecurity or facing barriers to food access (proximity, mobility, income, and availability) with priority investment in areas of experiencing high rates of food insecurity,* Board Member Mark Bethell, Board Member Kacey Hanson, and Board Member Hilda Gutierrez
9. Report out from the December 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Sustainability Committee Meeting, Marissa Bell
10. Discuss Board Member appointments and reappointments.
11. Review Board Member Assignments.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

12. Discuss and take action on an amendment to the Board's 2025 meeting schedule adjusting the July meeting from July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion and scheduling of future agenda items.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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