



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9th, 2025**

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on SEPTEMBER 9th, 2025, at City Hall Boards and Commissions Room 1101, 301 West 2nd Street, in Austin, Texas. Some members of the commission participated by video conference.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Jose Noe Elias (Chair)
Raul Longoria
Sonia Martinez

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Cassandra Medrano
Jenny Achilles (Vice Chair)
Jo Anne Ortiz
Lyric Wardlow
Nyeka Arnold
Taniquewa Brewster
Tisha-Vonique Hood
Valerie Menard

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Cynthia Jaso
Ebonie Trice

Staff Members in Attendance:

Angel Zambrano
Ed Blake
Dr. Marla Torrado
Lorena Lopez Chavarin (remotely)
William Swinton- Ginsberg

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elias called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM, with 9 members present. Commissioner Lyric and Medrano joined the dais at 7:15 PM, totaling 11 commissioners present. Vice Chair Achilles left the dais at 8:20 PM, bringing the total to 10 commissioners present.

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.

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the August 12th, 2025, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Martinez seconded, the August 12th, 2025, minutes were approved on a 9-0-0 vote. Commissioners Lyric and Medrano were off the dais.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation regarding the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) activities and outcomes (Angel Zambrano, Manager, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health)

Angel Zambrano presented.

3. Presentation from Cap Metro regarding their expansion plan and how it will serve vulnerable populations (Lawrence Deeter, Planner, Capital Metro, and Emma Martinez, Planner, Capital Metro).

Lawrence Deeter and Emma Martinez presented.

4. Presentation on the Displacement Risk Area Maps and Dashboard (William Swinton-Ginsberg, Planner Senior, and Dr. Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing).

Dr. Marla Torrado and William Swinton- Ginsberg presented.

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WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

5. Updates on the CDC Planning Meeting (Chair Elias).

Chair Elias presented.

6. Updates from the first meeting and plans for future meetings from the Housing Committee (Housing Committee Chair Longoria)

Housing Committee Chair Longoria presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

7. Discussion and possible action to propose a recommendation to resume the Anti-Displacement Community Acquisition Program (ADCAP) at the beginning of FY26.

On Commissioner Tisha's motion, Commissioner Ortiz seconded, the motion to approve the recommendation to reopen the ADCAP Application, was approved on an 8-2-0 vote. Commissioners Lyric and Medrano abstained.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Potential presentation from Cap Metro to come back and provide future updates.**
- **Possible discussion on the new City logo, especially regarding what kind of community outreach and engagement was done, and how it will affect future funding.**

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Elias adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM without objections.

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Martinez seconded, the September 9th, 2025, Community Development Commission meeting minutes were approved at the October 14th, 2025, CDC meeting, with an 11-0-0 vote.

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