



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14th, 2025

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on OCTOBER 14th, 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)
Jenny Achilles (Vice Chair)
Cynthia Jaso
Raul Longoria
Sonia Martinez

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Taniquewa Brewster
Tisha-Vonique Hood
Cassandra Medrano
Valerie Menard
Jo Anne Ortiz
Lyric Wardlow

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Nyeka Arnold
Ebonie Trice

City of Austin Staff Members in Attendance:

Miguel Lopez
Lorena Lopez Chavarin (remotely)
Nefertitti Jackmon
Jill Smith
Marla Torrado

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elias called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM, with 10 members present. Commissioner Medrano joined the dais at 6:45 PM, totaling 11 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.

Lisa Gamache Rodriguez provided public comment on the CDC retreat.

Zenobia Joseph provided public comment on access and safety of CapMetro public transportation stops.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the September 9th, 2025, Community Development Commission meeting minutes.

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Martinez seconded, the September 9th, 2025, minutes were approved on a 11-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Presentation regarding the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) activities and outcomes (Jill Smith, Program Manager I, Neighborhood Services Unit, Austin Public Health)

Jill Smith presented.

3. Presentation on CDC purpose (Nefertitti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer, Austin Housing).

Nefertitti Jackmon presented. Commissioner Longoria requested that Austin Housing staff provide regular updates to the CDC. Nefertitti Jackmon stated that staff can provide regular updates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Discussion and possible action on the CDC Planning Retreat and appointment of working group to lead planning and strategy (Chair Elias).

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Ortiz seconded, the motion to create the Federal Funding Grants Content working group, to include Commissioners Longoria, Martinez, Brewster, and Menard, was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Medrano was off the dais.

On Commissioner Tisha's motion, Commissioner Longoria seconded, the motion to create the Strategy working group, to include Commissioners Elias, Longoria, Ortiz, Tisha, Brewster, and Achilles, was approved on a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Medrano was off the dais.

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5. Discussion and possible action to approve the Community Development Commission 2026 Meeting Schedule (Miguel Lopez, Planner I, Austin Housing).

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Menard seconded the motion to approve the 2026 schedule with corrections to the February date, which was approved by a 10-0 vote. Commissioner Medrano off the dais.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Provide updates on the Agenda Item Request Form that will be provided to request future agenda items.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Elias adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM without objections.

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