



**JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
August 27, 2025**

The Joint Sustainability Committee convened in a hybrid meeting via videoconferencing and at Austin Energy Headquarters.

Board Members in Attendance in Person: Kaiba White, Varun Prasad, Haris Qureshi, Jon Salinas, Aaron Gonzales

Board Members in Attendance Remotely: Anna Scott, Rodrigo Leal, Chris Crookham, Christopher Campbell, Andrew Smith, Diana Wheeler, Lane Becker, Josh Hiller, Charlotte Davis

Board Members Absent: Chris Maxwell-Gaines

City Staff in Attendance: Rohan Lilauwala, Matthew Duree, James Scarborough, Amanda Mortl

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kaiba White called the meeting to order at 6:059pm.

Public Communication

1. Approval of minutes from the June 27th, 2025 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee.

- Davis motion, Qureshi second.
- Passes on a 14-0 vote

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Staff Briefing on Solar on City Facilities – Rohan Lilauwala, Office of Climate Action and Resilience.

- Questions on battery storage; Lilauwala: staff plan to move towards solar first, battery later
- Questions on tax credits and timelines; Lilauwala: staff to work as fast as possible amidst uncertainty around federal tax credits, aiming to reduce risk
- No ask from JSC at this moment
- JSC requesting staff come back at a later date to update on this project.

3. Discussion on JSC priorities in approved FY26 City Budget

- Chair Kaiba White provided an update on JSC priorities and recommendations and their inclusion in the FY26 City Budget.
4. **Update from the Electric Utility Commission on Solar for All – Kaiba White**
 - Grants have been cancelled by Trump Administration. Possibility of legal action, but for now the program is not happening.
 - AE continuing to develop the Residential Solar Standard Offer program
 5. **Update from Resource Management Commission on Texas Gas Service Rate Case Filing at the Texas Railroad Commission – Charlotte Davis**
 - Texas Gas Service filed a rate case with a number of elements that RMC members do not approve of
 6. **Update from Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board on efforts to advance Food Plan Implementation and the upcoming Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board strategic planning session – Andrew Smith**
 - Board about to go into strategic planning session.
 - Looking to put recommendation on farmland preservation in 2026 bond.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT

White adjourned meeting at 7:20 pm.

These minutes were approved at the October 22, 2025 meeting of the Joint Sustainability Committee on an 11-0 vote on Davis' motion and Salinas's second)