



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13th, 2026**

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on January 13th, 2026, at CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSION ROOM, in Austin, Texas. Some members of the commission participated by video conference.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:

Jenny Achilles
Jose Noe Elias (Chair)
Cynthia Jaso
Raul Longoria
Valerie Menard
Lyric Wardlow

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Nyeka Arnold
Taniquewa Brewster
Tisha-Vonique Hood
Sonia Martinez
Cassandra Medrano

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Ebonie Trice- Oliver
JoAnne Ortiz

Staff Members in Attendance:

Angel Zambrano
Miguel Lopez
Lorena Lopez Chavarin
Marla Torrado
Nefertitti Jackmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elias called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM, with 11 members present. Cassandra Medrano left the dais at 7:15 PM with 10 members 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.

Zenobia Joseph provided comment concerning Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as well as a previous CapMetro presentation.

Marian Sanchez with PODER provided public comment regarding the possibility of solar for the Santa Rita redevelopment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the CDC Regular meeting on December 9, 2025.

On Vice Chair Achilles' motion, Commissioner Menard seconded, and the December 9th, 2025, minutes were approved on a 10-0-0 vote.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) activities and outcomes. Presentation by Angel Zambrano, Program Manager III, Austin Public Health.

Angel Zambrano presented.

3. Staff briefing regarding Austin Housing activities and programs. Presentation by Dr. Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.

Dr. Marla Torrado presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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4. Discussion on “Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)”. Discussion led by Chase Clement, Financial Manager from Austin Housing.

Chase Clement presented.

5. Discussion on “River Park Development and possible impact on the current communities”. Discussion led by Robert Anderson, Project Coordinator from Austin Housing.

Robert Anderson presented.

6. Discussion on “Human induced sources of erosion on the Colorado River at Montopolis”. Discussion led by Liesel Papenhausen, University of Texas at Austin.

Liesel Papenhausen presented.

7. Discussion on “Update on the Santa Rita Courts”. Discussion led by Sylvia Calderón, Chief Operating Officer, and Ann Gass, Director of Strategic Housing Initiatives from the Housing Authority of the City of Austin.

Sylvia Calderón and Ann Gass presented.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8. Update from the CDC Strategy Working Group. Discussion led by Commissioner Tisha.

No new updates. Item moved to future date.

9. Update from the CDC Housing Committee regarding the Annual Housing Committee Report. Discussion led by Commissioner Longoria.

Commissioner Longoria presented.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Updates on the Equity Overlay and possible presentation.**
- **Updates on the pause status on the CIS and ADCAP and possible presentation.**

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- Possible discussion on “lived experience audit” as a small group.
- Possible presentation from Walter Moreau of the Foundation's Communities and share the work done in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Elias adjured at 9:25 PM

On Commissioner Achilles motion, Commissioner Longoria seconded, the January 13th, 2026, Community Development Commission meeting minutes were approved at the February 10th, 2026, CDC meeting, with an 8-0-0 vote.

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