



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10th, 2026**

The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a REGULAR MEETING on MARCH 10th, 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:

Jose Noe Elias (Chair)
Cynthia Jaso
Jenny Achilles
Lyric Wardlow
Tiffany Moore
Raul Longoria

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Cassandra Medrano
Ebonie Oliver
JoAnne Ortiz
Sonia Martinez
Nyeka Arnold
Taniquewa Brewster
Valerie Menard
Tisha-Vonique Hood

Board Members/Commissioners Absent:

Staff Members in Attendance:

Angel Zambrano
Lorena Lopez Chavarin (Remotely)
Miguel Lopez
Nefertitti Jackmon

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elias called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM, with 8 members present. Commissioner Longoria, Arnold and Medrano joined the dais at 6:37 PM, bringing the total to 11 members present. Commissioners Menard, Tisha, and Brewster joined the dais at 6:42 PM, bringing the total 14 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.

Susana Almanza from PODER spoke regarding the Equity Overlay.

Zenobia Joseph spoke regarding bus shelters and infrastructure on Mopac.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the CDC Regular meeting on February 10th, 2026.

On Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Lyric seconded, and February 10th, 2026, the minutes were approved on a 12-0-1 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 on the Community Services Block Grant.

3. Staff briefing regarding Austin Housing activities and outcomes will be included in Item 5 "Update on the Austin Housing Community Initiated Solutions (CIS) and Anti-Displacement Community Acquisition Program (ADCAP) programs". Presentation by Nefertitti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer, Austin Housing.

Nefertitti Jackmon presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Update on the CDC Annual Retreat. Discussion led by Miguel Lopez, Planner I, Austin Housing.

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Miguel Lopez provided an update on the CDC Annual Retreat.

5. Update on the Austin Housing Community Initiated Solutions (CIS) and Anti-Displacement Community Acquisition Program (ADCAP) programs. Discussion led by Nefertitti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer, Austin Housing.

Nefertitti Jackmon presented on the CIS and ADCAP programs.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Elections of CDC officers. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

Noe Elias was elected as Chair on Commissioner Brewster's motion, Commissioner Menard seconded on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Tisha was off the dais.

Nyeka Arnold was elected as Vice-Chair on Commissioner Ortiz's motion, Commissioner Lyric seconded on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Tisha was off the dais.

7. CDC recommendations for City of Austin budget. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

The motion to approve the recommendation to Council for City of Austin Budget was approved on Longoria's motion, Commissioner Brewster's second, on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Medrano and Tisha were off the dais.

8. Memorandum concerning the City of Austin Equity Overlay. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

The motion to approve the memorandum to Council for City of Austin Equity Overlay was approved on Longoria's motion, Commissioner Menard's second, on a 12-0 vote. Commissioner Medrano and Tisha were off the dais.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

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

No new updates.

10. Update from the CDC Housing Committee. Discussion led by Commissioner Longoria.

Commissioner Longoria provided an update on the CDC Housing Committee.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Presentation from the Austin Planning Department regarding infrastructure analysis per Commissioner Lyric.**
- **Presentation from advocacy groups and organizations to present regarding City of Austin budget priorities and needs per Commissioner Longoria.**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM

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