



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

The **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** convened in a **REGULAR MEETING** on **MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

Cynthia Jaso  
Jenny Achilles  
Jose Noe Elias (Chair)  
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.**

**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 provided public comment.**

**Zenobia Joseph provided public comment.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**The minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting were approved on Commissioner Longoria's motion, Commissioner Lyric's second, on a 13-0 vote. Commissioner Tisha was off the dais**

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

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

**The presentation was made by Angel Zambrano, Program Manager III, Austin Public Health.**

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.

**The presentation was made by Nefertitti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer, Austin Housing.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

**Discussed.**

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.

**Discussed.**

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## **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.**

**Noe Elias was elected as 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 following amendment was made by Commissioner Achilles and seconded by Commissioner Longoria. The amendment was to revise the section on Sidewalk Infrastructure of the proposed recommendation to state:**

**"with a priority for the North Lamar corridor and consideration of high need communities, and in response to clear high-risk data trends of fatalities and crashes."**

**The amendment was approved on 12-0 vote. Commissioner Medrano and Tisha were off the dais.**

**The following amendment was made by Commissioner Menard and seconded by Commissioner Lyric. The amendment was to revise the section on Sidewalk Infrastructure of the proposed recommendation to state:**

**"Budget assessment, and additional dollars for sidewalk development, city pedestrian plan, and with ADA master development and implementation with a priority for high need communities, for example, North Lamar, and in response to clear high-risk data trends of fatalities and crashes."**

**The amendment was approved on 12-0 vote. Commissioner Medrano and Tisha were off the dais.**

**A motion to approve the recommendation with the following amendment was made by Commissioner Longoria, seconded by Commissioner Brewster, and approved 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.

**The update was given by Commissioner Longoria.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Elias adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM without objection**

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