COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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: 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 10th, 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.

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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.

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

On Commissioner Lyric's motion, Commissioner Longoria seconded, the March 10th, 2026, Community Development Commission meeting minutes were approved at the May 15th, 2026, CDC meeting, with a 6-2 vote. Commissioners Moore and Tisha voted nay. Chair Elias and Commissioners Brewster, Medrano Menard, Ortiz, and Oliver were absent.

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