**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**
**MEETING MINUTES**
**APRIL 4th, 2026**

**The COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION convened in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING on APRIL 14th, 2026, at PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ROOM 1405, in Austin, Texas.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**
Jose Noe Elias (Chair)
Nyeka Arnold (Vice Chair)
Jenny Achilles
Tisha-Vonique Hood
Cynthia Jaso
Valerie Menard
Raul Longoria
Cassandra Medrano
Tiffany Moore
Ebonie Oliver
Lyric Wardlow

**Board Members/Commissioners Absent:**
JoAnne Ortiz
Sonia Martinez
Taniquewa Brewster

**Staff Members in Attendance:**
Angel Zambrano
Marla Torrado
Miguel Lopez
Nefertitti Jackmon

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Elias called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM**

**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.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Discussion of Retreat Goals and Objectives. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

   **Discussed.**

2. Discussion of Agenda and Timeline for Retreat Activities. Discussion led by Miguel Lopez, Planner I, Austin Housing.

   **Discussed.**

3. Discussion and Team Building Activity. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

   **Discussed.**

4. Presentation regarding "A Brief History of Community Action". Presentation by Angel Zambrano, Program manager III, Austin Public Health.

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

5. Discussion of the CDC's role and purpose. Discussion led by Nefertitti Jackmon, Community Displacement Prevention Officer, Austin Housing.

   **Discussed.**

6. Presentation regarding the range of uses for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) federal funds. Presentation by Susan Watkins, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.

   **The presentation was made by Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.**

7. Presentation regarding the "Establishment of FY 26/27 Goals for the CDC" to include top policy priorities and the process for achieving the identified priority goals. Discussion led by Dr. Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.

   **The presentation was made by Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.**

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8. Presentation and activity regarding the narrowing and alignment of identified priorities. Activity led by Dr. Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.

**The presentation was made by Marla Torrado, Housing Division Manager, Austin Housing.**

9. Discussion and review of the FY 25/26 Goals. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

**Discussed.**

10. Discussion of general questions and answers. Discussion led by Chair Noe Elias.

**Discussed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Elias adjourned the meeting at 2:56 PM**

**The minutes were approved at the Tuesday, June 9, 2026, meeting on Commissioner Achilles' motion, Commissioner Tisha's second on a 8-0 vote.**

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