JOINT INCLUSION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

The Joint Inclusion Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at the Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Parsons called the Joint Inclusion Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Justin Parsons (Chair)
Jerry Joe Benson (Vice Chair)
Richard Bondi
Craig McNary
Tannya Oliva Martinez

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Amanda Afifi
Lisa Chang
Nirali Thakkar

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Joint Inclusion Committee regular meeting on April 22, 2026.
   The minutes of the April 22, 2026 meeting were approved on Commissioner Bondi's motion, Vice Chair Benson's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Bullard, Edwin, Kanawati, Laake-Stanfield, Melendez, and Wilson were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding the Austin Resilience Network. Briefing by Austin Emergency Management staff.
   The briefing was made by Natalie Lyell, Resilience & Partnerships Manager, Austin Emergency Management.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation regarding the work of Communities in Schools of Central Texas. Presentation by Jacob Reach, COO, and Sharin Vigil, CEO, Communities in Schools of Central Texas.
   The presentation was made by Jacob Reach, COO, Communities in Schools of Central Texas.

4. Discussion regarding a potential special called meeting as a retreat for Joint Inclusion Committee members.
   Items 4 and 5 were taken up together. Discussion was held.

5. Discussion on scheduling a briefing from Austin Police Department, questions to ask, and the potential for a special called meeting.
   Items 4 and 5 were taken up together. Discussion was held.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve the formation of a FY2026-27 Budget Follow-Up Working Group to track this year's budget recommendations across the budget cycle.
   The motion to approve the formation of a FY2026-27 Budget Follow-Up Working Group to track this year's budget recommendations across the budget cycle was approved on Commissioner Bondi's motion, Commissioner McNary's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Bullard, Edwin, Kanawati, Laake-Stanfield, Melendez, and Wilson were absent.

   Working Group members: Commissioners Benson and Chang

7. Approve a recommendation regarding a proposed schedule for FY2027-28 Community Engagement.
   The recommendation regarding a proposed schedule for FY2027-28 Community Engagement was approved on Commissioner Benson's motion, Commissioner McNary's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Bullard, Edwin, Kanawati, Laake-Stanfield, Melendez, and Wilson were absent.

8. Approve a recommendation for Inclusion of Infrastructure Equity and Medical Resilience in the Pilot Knob Library & Resilience Hub Project.
   Discussion was held. No action was taken.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

9. Update from the Collaboration of Commission on Aging and Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Working Group on possible collaborations between the two commissions.
   Update by Commissioners Bondi and Chang.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion regarding new Native American commission – Parsons

Recommendation for Pilot Knob project – Benson

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Parsons adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the June 24, 2026 meeting on Commissioner Bondi's motion, Commissioner Chang's second on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Benson was off the dais. Commissioners Kanawati, Laake-Stanfield, Thakkar, and Wilson were absent.