AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
***REGULAR MEETING* MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026

The Austin Travis County Public Health Commission convened in a regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026, at** 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Cara Dahlhausen called the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission Meeting to order at 2:39 pm.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:
Cara Dahlhausen, Vice Chair *Jawad Ali* *Martha Lujan*
William Rice

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Jacob Whitty

Board Members/Commissioners Absent: None

Ex-Officio and Staff in Attendance:
Adrienne Sturrup, Director, Austin Public Health
Dr. Desmar Walkes, Austin/Travis County Public Health Authority
Ana Almaguel, Division Director, Travis County Health & Human Services
Megan Cermak, Director of Public Health Strategy, Policy and Disaster Response, Central Health
Dani Romero, Staff Liaison, Austin Public Health
Juanita Jackson, Staff Liaison, Austin Public Health

Ex-Officio and Staff in Attendance Remotely: NONE

Ex-Officio and Staff Absent:
Perla Cavazos

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL
Community Advancement Network (CAN) – Carlos A Soto- Provided information on organizational structure, upcoming events and services they provide for the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission regular meeting on September 2nd, 2026.

   The minutes for the regular meeting of June 3rd, 2026, were approved on Commissioner's William Rice motion, Commissioner Martha Lujan second on a 5-0 vote.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

2. Conducted officer election for Chair and Vice Chair.

   The motion to conduct officer election for Chair and Vice Chair was made by Commissioner William Rice and second by Commissioner Martha Lujan

   Commissioner William Rice was nominated for the position of Chair by Commissioner Jawad Ali. No other nominations were made.

   Commissioner William Rice was elected as Chair without objections.

   Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen was nominated for the position of Vice Chair by Commissioner Martha Lujan. No other nominations were made.

   Commissioner Cara Dahlhausen was elected as Vice chair without objections.

3. Approved the 2027 annual schedule for the Austin Travis County Public Health Commission.

   The motion to approve the 2027 annual schedule was approved on Commissioner William Rice's motion, Commissioner Jawad Ali's second on a 5 -0 vote.

4. Discuss and approve draft recommendation "Sexual Health Funding" created by Commissioner Jacob Whitty.

   The motion to approve the recommendation to Council titled "Sexual Health Funding" was approved on Commissioner William Rice's motion, Commissioner Martha Lujan's second on a 5-0 vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. Discuss Texas Harm Reduction
6. Discuss Communities in Schools of Central Texas
7. Presentation on Food Insecurity
8. Central Health update presentation by Megan Cermak

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Cara Dahlhausen adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the November 4th, 2026 meeting on Commissioner Jacob Whitty motion, Commissioner Jawad Ali's second with a 4-0 vote. (Off Dais: Commissioner Martha Lujan)