AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY FOOD POLICY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, May 11, 2026 at the City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Room 1406, Austin, TX 78752.

Board Members in Attendance:
Lisa Barden -Chair, Marissa Bell – Vice-Chair, Nitza Cuevas, Kacey Hanson, Seanna Marceaux, Melody McClary, Natalie Poulos

Board Members Absent:
Andrea Abel, Erin McDonald

Staff in Attendance:
Edwin Marty (City of Austin), Angela Baucom (City of Austin), Amanda Rohlich (City of Austin), Yaira Robinson (Travis County)

CALL TO ORDER
Lisa Barden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL
Andy Smith, former board member, announced his resignation from the board and joining as visitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Board Member Marissa Bell motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 13, 2026, with Natalie Poulos seconding the motion. Minutes passed on a 7-0 with Kacey Hanson abstaining.**

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing Staff briefing regarding Austin-Travis County Food Plan Implementation. Presentation by Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager, Austin Climate Action & Resilience and Yaira Robinson, Assistant Director of Environmental Programs, Travis County. **Discussed and see back-up materials for presentation.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation and discussion on how food access is experienced across Travis County, Central Texas Food Bank- Emily Foxman, setting the stage with the Travis County Food Access Community Needs Assessment Results. **Discussed and see backup materials for presentation.**

4.
5. Presentation and discussion on how food access is experienced across Travis County, Sustainable Food Center- Hannah Thornton. **Discussed and see backup materials for presentation.**
6. Presentation and discussion on how food access is experienced across Travis County, ATX Free Fridge- Nitza Cuevas. **Discussed and see backup materials for presentation.**
7. Presentation and discussion on how food access is experienced across Travis County, Central Texas Food Bank- Beth Corbett. **Discussed and see backup materials for presentation.**
8. Presentation and discussion on how food access is experienced across Travis County, Meals on Wheels Central Texas- Seanna Marceaux. **Discussed and see backup materials for presentation.**
9. Presentation and discussion on how food access is experienced across Travis County, Intergenerational Gardening Soul to Soul - Marva Overton & Genice H. **Discussed and see backup materials for presentation.**
10. Presentation and discussion on how food access is experienced across Travis County, Keep Austin Fed – Lisa Barden. **Discussed and see backup materials for presentation.**
11. Presentation and discussion regarding the working group to expand access to nutritious foods through improvement to existing materials and resources and explore alternate or expanded hours for existing resources. **Discussed**.
12. Presentation and discussion regarding the working group to participate in the USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) application for funding for conservation easements as a regional partnership. **Marissa Bell provided an update. Refining momentum documents to support farmland conservation. Have engaged Debra Scott at Travis County and Ellen Gask at the Conservation Fund.**
13. Presentation and discussion regarding the working group to explore revenue generators such as sugar sweetened beverage tax, a surplus food donation requirement for events, and/or a percent conservation fund from all land purchases or new developments. **Lisa Barden had nothing to report.**
14. Review Board Member Assignments.
    a. **Beth Corbett will send information to the Board about how to promote Summer Meal Programs**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

15. Discuss and take possible action on the Joint Sustainability Committee liaison appointment. **No action was taken.**
16. Discuss and take possible action on the Food Plan Implementation Collaborative liaison appointment. **Nitza Cuevas will serve as the liaison.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Capital Services Delivery Update on Food Forest and Remediation and Reimbursements to Food Forest for lost plantings

Del-Valle Food Co-op Board Chair to present on progress

Review and approve draft recommendation for Urban Ag Coordinator position

Community Garden Coordinator Position - July

ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Barden adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the June 8, 2026 regular meeting on Board Member Beth Corbett's motion with Board Member Natalie Poulos seconding. Minutes passed on a 6-0 vote with Andrea Abel abstaining.