AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY FOOD POLICY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

The Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board (ATCFPB) convened on Monday, September 14, 2026 at the City of Austin Permitting and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Room 1406, Austin, TX 78752.

Board Members in Attendance:
Andrea Abel, Maggie Amaku, Lisa Barden - Chair, Beth Corbett, Kacey Hanson, Lexie Lewis, Natalie Poulos, Amanda Wadsworth

Board Members Absent:
Nitza Cuevas, Seanna Marceaux, Melody McClary, Erin McDonald

Staff in Attendance:
Edwin Marty (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 PM.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Board Member Kacey Hanson motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 10, 2026, with Maggie Amaku seconding the motion. Minutes passed on a 7-0 vote with Andrea Abel abstaining.**

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. 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 and Kelly Nichols, Principal at Woollard, Nichols & Torres. **Discussed. See back-up materials for presentation.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation and discussion regarding the impacts to SNAP and cost share, Beth Corbett of Central Texas Food Bank. **Beth provided updates because Jamie Olson was unable to attend the meeting. Under HR 1, States will be responsible for 75% of cost to administer SNAP. Estimate is ~$175 M going into effect October 1, 2026. The benefit cost share is where the big shift is happening. Previously covered by Federal Government but now those with a payment error rate of over 6% they will be required to cover those costs.**

The expected average of what Texas would now be on the hook to pay over $1B per year to administer program. The benefit cost shift will go into effect October 1, 2027. There is a new public charge rule going into effect September 18. HHSC proposed cuts include an elimination of Double Up Food Bucks and cuts to SNAP Outreach. They have proposed budget to cover administrative cost share but the potential source of that funding may not be ideal.

4. 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. **Natalie Poulos provided an update. The group had a presentation from Bella Kirchner from Central Texas Food Bank on SNAP enrollment and outreach. The group discussed GenATX and how to align interests. How to make sure Food Access is a priority in the Board's Strategic Planning.**
5. Presentation and discussion regarding the Farmland Preservation working group who submitted a USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) proposal for funding for conservation easements as a regional partnership. **Andrea Abel is now the liaison. Edwin Marty provided the update on the RCPP grant application that would put $10M towards putting conservation easements on working farms in 17 counties along I-35 corridor.**
6. Update on Healthy Food Worker Rebate advocacy including three meetings on September 1st with D2, D7, D9 offices. **The item will be posted to the October 8 City Council meeting for discussion and possible action. Lisa Barden provided updates. Siegel's office is taking lead to bring this item to the October 8th City Council meeting.**
7. Review Board Member Assignments.
    a. **Kelly Nichols will share Food Plan Convening Registration link and mailing list sign-up**
    b. **Beth Corbett to share slides on SNAP Cost Share**
    c. **Amanda Rohlich to connect with Food Access WG on CHA/CHIP**
    d. **Natalie Poulos to share notes from Food Access WG**
    e. **Natalie Poulos to add Maggie Amaku to the Food Access WG**
    f. **Amanda Rohlich to send out Council Resolution once it is available**
    g. **Maggie Amaku to connect with Marissa Baron to come present to a food policy board meeting and ask her about candidate questionnaires.**
    h. **Kacey Hanson to draft questionnaire for candidates; Edwin Marty to share those resources with Kacey.**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and take possible action on electing a Vice Chair for the Austin Travis County Food Policy Board. **No action was taken.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss and approve candidate forum questionnaire

Austin Emergency Management to discuss Austin Resilience Network

ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Barden adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM

Minutes were approved at the October 12, 2026 regular meeting on Board Member Beth Corbett's motion with Board Member Natalie Poulos seconding. Minutes passed on a 10-0 vote.