

**Budget & Finance Advisory Committee Minutes
September 20, 2017**

Attendees:

Adolphus Anderson	Stuart Berkowitz	Genevieve Dell	David Edgar
Kim Edwards	Dee Dee Evans	Debra Haas	Barbara Knaggs
Rashaanne Lewis	LaDonna Massad	Cathryn Mitchell	Vera Muniz
Cathy Painter	John Rocha	Brad Thompson	Ed Van Eenoo
Jennifer Zoghby	Travis Zander	Eddie Curran	

Call to Order and Election of Co-Chairs – Genevieve Dell:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Genevieve Dell at 6:08 pm.

David introduced Travis Zander, Director of Budget & Planning who is new to Austin ISD

Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2017:

Did not have a quorum on May 15th.

Genevieve Dell moved to approve the May 15, 2017 minutes, Kim Edwards and Adolphus Anderson seconded.

Bond Presentation – David Edgar:

David Edgar, Executive Director of Financial services, presented on the AISD 2017 Bond for which the community will have the opportunity to vote on. Early voting starts on October 23, 2017 and election day is November 7, 2017. Information on the bond including community meetings is available on the Austin ISD website at www.aisdfuture.com or in Spanish at www.aisdfuturo.com.

The one proposition is for \$1,050,984,000, without a tax rate increase. Every Austin ISD school is included in this bond.

The facility condition assessment can be viewed on the website along with needs for each school.

Bond funds are not subject to recapture or “Robin Hood” system.

The bond money will put a lot of local people to work in Austin, as it will go back into the economy by hiring locally.

Legislative Update - David Edgar:

David Edgar, presented on the 85th legislative session with a PowerPoint that was created by Edna Butts, Director of Intergovernmental Relations & Policy Oversight. There were 6631 total HBs and SBs filed. Only 1211 were passed. Austin ISD tracked nearly 900 bills.

HB 21 would have impacted our recapture in a positive way, but it did not pass.

A School Finance commission will be created to recommend improvements to the current finance system or new methods of financing public schools.

For more detailed information about the 85th legislative session, visit the AISD website at <https://www.austinisd.org/legislature>.

Future Topics, Wrap-up and Adjourn:

Dr. Rashaanne Lewis announced (and distributed free t-shirts) the annual STEP UP FOR KIDS EVENT, scheduled for Thursday, October 26th (5:30pm-7:30pm, during the LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL program), at Govalle Elementary School.

Topics suggested for future meetings: Tax Swap

Email Genevieve agenda items to discuss at future meetings

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm