



JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

Austin City Council

Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees

Travis County Commissioners Court

Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 17, 2023

11:30 am– 1:30pm

Austin City Hall

301 W 2nd St, Austin, Texas 78701

Joint Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Austin (AISD) Independent School District

Trustee Arati Singh, Board President

Trustee Noelita Lugo, Board Trustee, At-Large Position 8

Trustee Ofelia Zapata, Board Trustee, District 2

Trustee Lynn Boswell, Board Trustee, District 5

Edna Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy Oversight

Jacob Reach, Chief Officer, Government Relations and Board Services

City of Austin

Alison Alter, Council Member, District 10

Jose Velasquez, Council Member, District 3

Ryan Alter, Council Member, District 5

Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager

Travis County

Jeff Travillion, County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Brigid Shea, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive for Travis County Health and Human Services

Charles Brotherton, County Executive for Travis County Emergency Services

Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator for Travis County

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 a.m. by Council Member Alison Alter, City of Austin.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up for public comment.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Travillion moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 12, 2022, and Commissioner Shea seconded. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

III. BRIEFINGS

Legislative Priorities

Eduardo Ramos, AISD Chief Financial Officer provided a briefing on AISD legislative priorities. The briefing included information on House and Senate Rider 82, which includes additional funding for schools, school safety, and a teacher incentive allotment. Mr. Ramos also briefed on the recapture payments and informed the Committee that AISD is projecting a recapture payment of over \$886,000,000 to the State; this amount is enough to fund an entire second AISD. AISD also reported that they are tracking over 400 bills for this session. Subcommittee members agreed to support AISD advocacy to the State Legislature to increase the Basic Allotment and to reform recapture and invited attendees to reach out to AISD Trustee Boswell who is chairing the Board Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Affordable Housing Update

Rosie Truelove, Director, City of Austin provided a briefing on Affordable Housing. Briefing topics included an update on the City's 2018 & 2022 bond. Trustee Zapata Expressed an interest in a housing subcommittee to continue discussions on how to best address housing needs. Trustee Boswell also provided some information regarding this working group. Council member Alison Alter suggested a new subcommittee on affordable housing and Trustee Zapata agreed. Commissioner Shea suggested it could be part of the existing Affordability Subcommittee. Rosie Truelove, Director informed the Committee that staff from the three organizations already meet and share information. City staff is willing to offer its assistance to ensure that AISD and Travis County benefit from their experience.

There was no action taken on these items.

IV. WRITTEN REPORTS

City, County and AISD staff provided a Resilience Hubs written report to the Committee. Commissioner Shea raised questions regarding shelters and weather-related alerts. Laura Patiño, Chief Resilience Officer, Juan Ortiz, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Eric Cater, Travis County Chief Emergency Management Coordinator responded to her questions and concerns. Commissioner Shea asked if there can be a way that residents can know where they can go during an emergency in advance. Laura Patiño mentioned that would be part of their branding work that is underway. City and County staff provided a written report

on Childcare Investments. No questions were raised regarding in this report.

There was no action taken on this item.

V. STANDING ITEMS (set at previous meetings)

The following items were identified as future agenda items:

Update from Homeless Strategy Office on goals to house the unhoused, update from Travis County, City of Austin on housing goals and progress. Update from Housing Works on their housing score card. Food planning policy, childcare, and affordable housing, legislative update, new committee members requested documentation for new committee members regarding the purpose of the Joint Subcommittee that might be helpful to the new members.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. The next JSC will be hosted by AISD and staff identified the following dates for this meeting: April 17 or April 21.