



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 7, 2025

Committee Members Present:

1. Chair Vanessa Fuentes (Virtual)
2. Vice-Chair Marc Duchon
3. José Velásquez
4. Ryan Alter

Committee Members Absent:

1. Zohaib “Zo” Qadri

Call to Order

Council Member Duchon called the Public Health Committee meeting to order at 10:31 A.M.

Public Communication: General

There were five speakers: *Brandon Summer, Beth Savelkoul, Nicole Doggett, Sean Cameron, & Zach Newton*

Approval of minutes

1. *Approve the minutes of the Public Health Committee meeting on April 2, 2025, and the special called meeting on April 28, 2025.*

Council Member Alter made the following motion: Approve. Council Member Velasquez seconded the motion.

The motion passed on a 4-0 vote with Council Member Qadri off the dais.

Briefings

Briefing regarding a multi-year plan for the City’s Living Wage for future solicitations of social services.

The Committee received a briefing from (Laura LaForte, Assistant Director, Austin Public Health).

Briefings- Memos to Mayor and Council

Discussion of Measles Health Alert memo dated February 10, 2025 - Austin Public Health

Future Items

1. **Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**
 - *Report back on resolution 20240530-112*
 - *Appointment to the Sobering Center*
 - *Mental Health Diversion Pilot*

- *Undue Medical Debt*

Council Member Duchen adjourned the Public Health Committee meeting at 11:21 A.M.

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