



**DRAFT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
April 1, 2026**

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Committee Members Present:

1. Vanessa Fuentes, Chair
2. Marc Duchen, Vice Chair
3. Ryan Alter
4. Jose Velasquez

Call to Order

**Committee Chair Fuentes called the committee meeting to order at 10:00AM.**

Public Communication: General

There were no speakers.

Approval of Minutes

**1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Health Committee meeting of March 4, 2026.**

The minutes of the March 4, 2026, meetings were approved on Council Member Duchen's motion and Council Member Alter's second with a 4 – 0 vote.

Briefings

**2. Briefing on the Esperanza II expansion and workforce programming from The Other Ones Foundation.**

The Committee received a briefing from Elizabeth Baker, Executive Director -The Other Ones Foundation

**3. Update on E-Cigarette Retail Resolution No. 20250522-054**

The Committee received a briefing from Cassandra DeLeon, Deputy Director and Stephanie Helfman, Program Manager - Austin Public Health

Future Items

**4. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**

Council Member Duchen requested a briefing on Long Covid, consulting contracts in relation to Austin Public Health, Austin Public Health as the largest user of travel from the City.

**Committee Chair, Council Member Fuentes adjourned the committee meeting at 11:28AM.**