



THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 2, 2025

Public Health Committee Members Present:

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| 1. Chair Vanessa Fuentes | 4. Zohaib "Zo" Qadri |
| 2. Vice-Chair Marc Duchen | 5. José Velásquez |
| 3. Ryant Alter (virtual) | |

Call to Order

Chair Vanessa Fuentes called the Public Health Committee meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Public Communication:

Sherwyn Patton spoke on behalf of Dream Together 2030

Joe Bland – Did not speak

Sean Oliver – Life A New spoke in support of APH and the work they provide to the community

Marivel Reyes – Faith leader spoke on behalf of the budget cuts.

Joseph Parker – Pastor of David Chapter spoke in agreement to Dream Together 2030

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the Public Health Committee minutes for the March 5, 2025 meeting.**

On the motion by Vice Chair Duchen and the second by Council Member Velásquez, the minutes for the March 5, 2025 meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved on a vote of 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. **Discussion and possible action on an appointment of a member of the Sobering Center Board of Directors.**

This item was taken up with item number 5 in Executive Session.

Briefings

3. **Briefing from Austin Public Health on the impacts of federal funding losses**

Received briefing from Director Adrienne Sturup and Chief Deputy on the loss of federal funding impact to Austin Public Health . No action taken.

4. **Briefing on the status of youth homelessness and implementation of services from LifeWorks.**

Received briefing from Liz Schoenfield, Director of Life Works on youth homelessness and implementation of services. No action taken.

Executive Session

5. Discussion of the selection of a member to appoint on the Sobering Center Board of Directors (Personnel matters – Section 551.074 of the Government Code).

The Committee interviewed two applicants and on the recommendation by Council Member Alter and second by Council Member Zo Qadri, the recommendation is to appoint Judge Laurie Eiserloh to the Sobering Center Local Government Corporation Board of Directors. The recommendation passed no opposition.

Future Items

Convening a joint meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee and Public Health Committee on April 28, 2025.

Chair Fuentes adjourned the Public Health Committee meeting at 11:58 AM.