



DRAFT CLIMATE WATER ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

January 28, 2026

Committee Members Present:

1. Ryan Alter, Chair
2. Paige Ellis, Vice Chair
3. Mike Siegel
4. Marc Duchen- Virtual

Call to Order

Council Member Alter called the committee meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Public Communication: General

There were no Speakers

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes of the Climate, Water, Environment, and Parks Committee meeting of December 2, 2025.**

The minutes of the December 2, 2025, meetings were approved on Council Member Ellis' motion, and Council Member Siegel's second with no objection, on a 4-0 vote.

Briefings

2. **Briefing on Austin Water Emergency Management and Planning.**

The Committee received a briefing from Rick Beaman, Emergency Management Division Manager of Austin Water; Stephanie Sue, Water Treatment Operations Manager of Austin Water; Amy Petri, Interim Chief of Staff of Austin Water

3. **Briefing on the UT-City CoLab.**

The Committee received a briefing from Zach Baumer, Director of Austin Climate Action and Resilience; Marc Coudert, Climate Resilience and Adaptation Manager of Austin Climate Action and Resilience; Dr. Dev Niyogi, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Jackson School of Geosciences of The University of Texas at Austin

4. **Briefing on Performance Measures Updates from Parks and Recreation.**

The committee received a briefing from Jesus Aguirre, Director of Parks and Recreation; Ben Rustenhaven, Business Process Consultant of Parks and Recreation

Briefing by Memorandum

5. **Staff Response Related to Bird Friendly Design (Resolution No. 20241121-073) memo dated January 16, 2026.**

The Committee received a Briefing by Memorandum from Leslie Lilly, Environmental Conservation Program Manager of Watershed Protection.

Future Items

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

Council Member Alter adjourned the committee meeting at 11:34 a.m.

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