



**DRAFT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING
March 4, 2026**

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 1:01 p.m.

Public Communication: General

There were 3 speakers.

Approval of Minutes

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

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

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the reappointment of members to the Sobering Center Board of Directors.

Judge Alvarenga and Jessica Calvino were reappointed as members to the Sobering Center Board of Directors. Motion by Vice Chair, Council Member Duchen and second by Council Member Velasquez.

Briefings

3. Update by Central Health, CommUnityCare Health Centers, and Integral Care on the Mental Health System of Care for low-income and uninsured people in Travis County.

The Committee received a briefing from Pat Lee, President & CEO - Central Health; Jeff Richardson, President & CEO - Integral Care; Nick Yagoda, EVP of Ambulatory Services & CEO -Community Care.

4. Briefing on the 2025 Austin-Travis County Community Health Assessment. [Laura La Fuente, Assistant Director- Austin Public Health]

The Committee received a briefing from Laura La Fuente, Assistant Director- Austin Public Health.

Future Items

5. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

Council Member Velasquez requested a briefing on the education social services that the city is investing in during the June meeting or a memorandum. Committee Chair, Council Member Fuentes requested The Other Ones Foundation to provide an update on Esperanza two expansion and their workforce development program. Staff requested to provide an

update on the vape and tobacco free Zones.

Committee Chair, Council Member Fuentes adjourned the committee meeting at 2:49 P.M.

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