



THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 5, 2025

Public Health Committee Members Present:

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

Call to Order

Chair Vanessa Fuentes called the Public Health Committee meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Public Communication:

Kate Grazziani with Vocal Texas -comment related to budget amendment on Texas Harm Reduction

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the Public Health Committee minutes for the March 5, 2025 meeting.**
On the motion by Council Member Qadri and the second by Council Member Alter, the minutes for the February 4, 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 6 in Executive Session. The Committee decided to interview candidates and with the selection of a member to the Board of Directors

Briefings

3. **Receive briefing on the status of the Austin Animal Services Strategic Plan [Don Bland, Chief Animal Services Officer - Animal Services Office, Audrey Muntz, Budget and Performance Manager – Office of the Budget & Organizational Excellence]**
Received briefing on the Austin Animal Services Strategic Plan from from Chief Animal Services Officers, Don Bland, and Performance Manager Audrey Muntz. No action taken.
4. **Receive a briefing on Bond Funding priorities for the Homelessness Strategy Office [David Gray, Homeless Strategy Officer – Homeless Strategy Office James May, Housing and Community Development Officer – Housing Department.]**
This item was postponed. No action taken.

Memo Discussion

5. **Discussion of Measles Health Alert memo dated February 10, 2025 (Austin Public Health).**
Committee received update on the measles health alert memo distributed on February 10, 2025 from Dr. Desmar Walkes, Austin Travis County Health Authority. No action taken

Executive Session

6. 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).
This item take with item 2.

Chair Fuentes adjourned the Public Health Committee meeting at 11:00 AM.