



THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 5, 2025

Public Health Committee Members Present:

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

Call to Order

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

Public Communication:

No speakers

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the Public Health Committee minutes for the February 5, 2025 meeting.**
On the motion by Council Member Qadri and the second by Vice Chair Velásquez, the minutes for the December 4, 2024 meeting of the Public Health Committee were approved on a vote of 3-0. Council Member Ryant Alter off the dais.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. **Discussion and possible action on the strategic goals the City has and possible steps to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness by the Homeless Strategy Office.**
Committee received an update from Gary Pollack on the strategic goals and possible steps to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness by the Homeless Strategy Office. No action taken.
3. **Discussion and possible action on the permanent supportive housing pipeline and ongoing permanent supportive housing needs.**
Committee received update from Mandy DeMayo, Interim Director of Housing Department on the permanent supportive housing pipeline and housing needs. No action taken.

Future Items

1. Discussion and consideration of the recommendation for the appointment to the Sobering Center Board.
2. Receive a report regarding the committee recommendation that passed City Council regarding prioritizing investments in the homelessness response system..
3. Receive a report on Council Members Alter's resolution regarding a multi-year plan for the City's living wage for future solicitation of social services
4. Receive an update from the Austin Animal Services to their strategic plan
5. Receive an update on the permanent supportive housing. – creating a policy on the bridge to permanent supportive housing policy previously adopted (March or April)

Chair Fuentes adjourned the Public Health Committee meeting at 11:04 AM.