



THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 AT 10:00 AM, AUSTIN CITY HALL
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TX AND SOME MEMBERS
MAY BE PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Vanessa Fuentes, Chair
Marc Duchen, Vice Chair
Ryan Alter
José Velásquez

Public comment will be allowed in person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in person or remotely. Items posted for possible action are available for sign-up. Briefings are not open for sign-up. For full instructions on participation in person or by telephone, please visit the Council Committee Information Center home page, which is linked here:

https://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council/council/council_committee_info_center.htm

A quorum of the City Council may be present at this meeting. Action will only be taken by the members of the committee, and the alternate member may only vote when a regular committee member is absent.

The committee may go into a closed session under the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from legal counsel on any item on this agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

Public Communication: General

Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda. This section is limited to 5 speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve the minutes for the Public Health Committee meeting of April 1, 2026.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Discussion and possible action on the status and timeline of the social service contract restructuring rubric and plan [Kerri Lang, Director; Daniel Culotta, Assistant Director - Austin Budget and Organizational Excellence].

Sponsors: Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, and Council Member Marc Duchen

Briefings

3. Briefing on Long COVID and its communal impact [Dr. Michael Brode, M.D., Medical Director - Long Covid The Answers; Katie Drackert, Founder- Clear the Air ATX].

Sponsors: Council Member Vanessa Fuentes, and Council Member Marc Duchon

4. Update on the Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Austin Animal Services Strategic Plan [Jason Garza, Assistant Director; Melissa Pool, Chief Administrative Officer - Austin Animal Services].

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Future Items

5. Identify items to be discussed at future meetings.

Previously Distributed Memos to Mayor and Council (Information only; not for discussion)

Homeless Encampment Management – Updated Operational Model dated April 13, 2026

Impact of HB 2844 on On-site Mobile Food Vending Inspections dated April 9, 2026

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