



JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

Austin City Council

Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees

Travis County Commissioners Court

Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 24, 2021

11:30am – 1:30pm

Austin City Hall

301 W 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Joint Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Austin (AISD) Independent School District

Geronimo M. Rodriguez, Board President, District 6

Noelita Lugo, Board Trustee, At-Large Position 8

Lynn Boswell, Board Trustee, District 5

Edna Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy Oversight

City of Austin

Kathie Tovo, Council Member, District 9

Alison Alter, Council Member, District 10

Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager

Travis County

Brigid Shea, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jeff Travillion, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Sherri Fleming, County Executive for Travis County Health and Human Services

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 11:42 a.m. by City of Austin Council Member Kathie Tovo, presiding. Council Member Tovo began the meeting with Committee Member introductions and equipment instructions.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Committee received public comment from Megan Cermak on behalf of the Central Health Equity Policy Council – Pandemic Equity Committee and her colleague, Raul Alvarez regarding Resiliency Hubs, item III on the agenda.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Travillion moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2020 and April 19, 2020 meetings and Commissioner Shea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RESOLUTION NO. 20210408-028

The Committee received a presentation from Zach Baumer, City of Austin Sustainability Office, and Matias Segura, AISD Chief of Operations. The presentation provided an overview on resilience hubs and recent collaborations between the City and AISD.

There was no action taken on this item.

IV. DISCUSS SPENDING PLANS FOR FEDERAL FUNDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

The Committee received individual presentations from Diane Thomas, City of Austin, Jessica Rios, Travis County and Dr. Jacob Reach, Austin Independent School District.

City of Austin – The Committee receive a presentation from Diana Thomas, Deputy Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Thomas briefed the Committee on the spending framework for the American Rescue Plan Act as well as other federal funds that the City received.

Travis County – Jessica Rios, Travis County Executive, Planning and Budget, briefed the Committee on the County’s ARPA allocation and provided an overview on local recovery funds and actions approved by the Travis County Commissioners Court and the three funding tracks for Travis County.

AISD – Dr. Jacob Reach, AISD Chief of Government Relations and Board Services, provided an overview on the Education Stability Fund and the Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund (ESSER). School districts received funds from the ESSER grant to address the impact of [COVID-19](https://www.austinisd.org/esser) on schools.
www.austinisd.org/esser.

Staff answered questions from officials related to funding use and collaboration. There was no action taken on this item.

V. RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The committee received legislative updates regarding the 87th Legislative Session from Ida Musgrave, City of Austin, Julie Wheeler, Travis County and Edna Butts, AISD.

City of Austin – Ida Musgrave, Deputy Intergovernmental Relations Officer, provided a briefing on the bills that had a negative and positive impact on the City. This presentation highlighted Cloud Computing, APRS pensions, mask and vaccine mandates and bills that failed to pass.

Travis County – Julie Wheeler, Travis County Intergovernmental Relations Officer, briefed the Committee regarding the 87th Legislative, the third special session and the items highlighted included the Bail Reform bill, Election Integrity, Appropriations, Primary Elections, Redistricting, Vaccine Mandates and the Border Security bill.

AISD – Edna Butts, AISD Director Intergovernmental Relations & Policy Oversight briefed the Committee regarding the Board’s priorities, full funding of House Bill 3 and funding for virtual education, SB 15.

There was no action taken on this item

VI. WRITTEN REPORTS

The committee received a very comprehensive report from AISD regarding the family resource centers and a report on the parent support specialists. There was no action taken on this item.

VII. STANDING ITEMS

No discussion on standing items. The Committee agreed to a meeting in November. The Chair also asked the Committee to work with each liaison in distributing items to the Committee members. There was no action taken.

VIII. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm by Council Member Tovo.