



JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Austin City Council

Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees Travis County Commissioners Court

Monday, January 22, 2024

11:30am-1:30pm

Austin City Hall- 301 W. Second Street Austin, TX 78701

Some members of the Joint Subcommittee may participate by video conference.

Joint Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Austin Independent School District (AISD):

- Arati Singh, AISD Board Trustee, At-Large, Place 9, Board President
- Noelita Lugo, AISD Board Trustee, At-Large, Place 8
- Ofelia Zapata, District 2
- Edna Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, and Policy Oversight

City of Austin:

- Alison Alter, Council Member, District 10
- Ryan Alter, Council Member, District 5
- Jose Velásquez, Council Member, District 3
- Natasha Harper-Madison, Council Member, District 1
- Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager

Travis County:

- Jeff Travillion, County Commissioner, Pct 1
- Brigid Shea, County Commissioner, Pct 2
- Pilar Sanchez, County Executive for Travis County Health and Human Services

The meeting was called to order: 11:43AM by Council Member Alison Alter

I. Public Comment

There were no speakers



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II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved on Trustee Lugo motion, Trustee Singh second, and a unanimous vote.

III. Childcare working group update

Council Member Alison Alter provided an update from the childcare working group. She provided information about the City providing tax relief. The City and County are also continuing to work with the Childrens Funding Project. Commissioner Shea asked if the tax relief would apply to home based childcare providers and requested that Pilar Sanchez provide an update from the County. Commissioner Travillion asked for more information about the Childrens Funding Project. Trustee Singh thanked everyone for their work on the working group and requested to hear more about after school care in the future.

IV. Update regarding Agreed Order with Texas Education Agency

Jacob Reach (Chief Officer Government Relations and Board Services) presented on the agreed order with the Texas Education Agency. Commissioner Shea requested the number of students who don't qualify for compensatory education due to issues with the deadline (a little over 13 students). Commissioner Shea asked if they have a sense for how AISD compares to other urban school districts. Trustee Noelita Lugo shared information about Lone Star Board Governance training that is being provided and asked about the parent survey being sent. The survey would be sent out on January 22 and remain open for three weeks.

V. Mental Health

Kathleen Casey (Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, Integral Care), Marisa Malik (Director of Crisis Services, Integral Care), Marlene Buchanan (Director of Systems of Care, Integral Care) presented on mental health services provided by Integral Care (the local mental health authority). Council Member Alison Alter asked for more information about 911 calls being directed by Police, Fire, EMS, and Mental Health Services. Commissioner Shea asked if these services are provided in an inpatient location. President Singh asked what big areas of investment would be recommended by Integral Care. Commissioner Travillion stated his interest in receiving an asset map explaining where mental health and first aid training services are being



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provided more heavily. President Singh mentioned the AISD PALs program that impacts mental health.

VI. Written report on the Summer Youth Employment Program (City/County)

Ross Stephens (Travis County) presented information on the Summer Youth Employment Program and Adrienne Sturup (Director of Austin Public Health) and Rebecca Kennedy (Interim Director of Human Resources) were available for questions. Council Member Alison Alter asked about a total budget across the City and County for the program. Adrienne Sturup provided the budget for the program. President Singh asked about the reduction of participants in the program (about 200 less in coming years). Ross Stephens provided more information about the reduction and explained it was temporary. Commissioner Shea asked for more information about the digital application process and if it created a barrier for participants. Ross Stephens explained that it is used to determine students' level but is not a barrier to participation. President Singh asked on behalf of Trustee Zapata if there was anything that can be done to bring the number back up to 750 this year. Pilar Sanchez referenced the meeting with Trustee Zapata and explained that the reduced participation was necessary for this year. Commissioner Shea referenced an email from Trustee Zapata on November 14 and asked for a response to her concerns. Pilar Sanchez explained that she and others met with Trustee Zapata to answer her concerns. Commissioner Travillion suggested we should collaborate with partners such as Workforce Solutions.

VII. Resilience Hubs

Marc Courdert (Program Manager, Office of Resiliency), Zach Baumer (Interim Chief Resilience Office), and Ken Snipes (Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management) presented on resilience hubs. Commissioner Shea asked if all generators were diesel. She stated that they're bringing an item to Commissioner's Court to use solar and natural gas generators that aren't diesel. Council Member Alison Alter asked for clarification on how the hubs were activated/utilized during the recent freeze, and about the overlap between cold weather shelters and resiliency hubs. Council Member Alison Alter wanted to ensure that the hubs would be used outside of emergency situations. Commissioner Shea asked if resilience hub management will be under a Resilience Officer once one is hired. Commissioners Travillion and Shea asked for the link to the toolkit. Trustee Lugo asked for basic demographic information about the recent usage of the hubs.



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VIII. Standing Items (set at previous meetings)

A. Unfinished Business and New Business

B. Future Agendas and Meeting Dates:

- i. Council Member Alison Alter asked members to send suggested future items to their staff liaison for further coordination.

IX. Adjourned at 1:34pm