



# JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE

Austin City Council  
Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees  
Travis County Commissioners Court

Friday, January 28, 2022

11:30am – 1:30pm

TRAVIS COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS’ COURT AND VIRTUAL

700 Lavaca, Austin, 78702

## AGENDA

I. Public Comment

***Public Comment may be provided by calling (800) 304-1055. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.***

II. Approval of Minutes  
• November 29, 2021

III. Consider and take action to amend Bylaws City of Austin

Austin ISD

Travis County

IV. Receive and discuss written reports City of Austin

Resilience Hubs Austin ISD

Travis County

V. Coordination on COVID -19 Vaccine Distribution & Access for AISD Austin Public

Students and Austin’s under 12 years of age population (Presentation) Health, Travis

County

VI Standing Items (*set at previous meetings*)

A. Unfinished Business and New Business

B. Update on Possible Bond Elections

C. Future Agendas and Meeting Dates

Bi-monthly date options:

March 25<sup>th</sup> or March 28<sup>th</sup>

VII. Adjourn



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Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

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Austin ISD

4000 S IH 35 Frontage Rd., Austin, Texas 78704

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### 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 11:48 a.m. by Austin ISD Board President Geronimo Rodriguez, Jr., presiding.

#### I. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to provide public comment.

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Tovo moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2021 meeting and Commissioner Travillion seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. **RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RESILIENCE HUBS**

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 ongoing collaborations between the City and AISD.

Mr. Baumer described the following three levels of HUBs, including the physical attributes, staffing and supplies required for each HUB:

**Level 1 - Gathering Hub** (conditioned indoor and shaded outdoor space)

Public restrooms, access to electricity, trained staff, care kits, snacks and water

**Level 2 - Relief Hub (Level 1 +)**

Parking lot for water & food distribution, Wifi, backup power, larger indoor space area, larger supplies of food and water.

**Level 3 - Shelter Hub (Level 2+)**

24-hour shelter (cots and sleeping area), showers, grid-independent power, commercial kitchen, refrigerated storage, backup water system.

Council Member Tovo indicated interest in a fourth tier to support groups that want to help the community on their own, making available supplies the groups may access. Mr. Baumer indicated they are having these conversations about supplying groups with “HUB in a box.”

Council Member Alter inquired how the group is coordinating with Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). Staff indicated emergency staff from all three entities have been involved, as well as the Red Cross. Committee members suggested HSEM be included in future presentations on the Resilience Hubs.

Commissioner Shea indicated that in addition to extreme cold, we should also focus on extreme heat and other types of weather emergencies. Mr. Segura stated that the three entities working on Resilience Hubs identified major events over the past 15 years.

There was no action taken on this item. The Committee requested that this item be placed on future agendas, and that a written update be provided to the JSC members in advance of the meeting.

### IV. **COORDINATION ON COVID -19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION & ACCESS FOR AISD STUDENTS AND AUSTIN’S UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE POPULATION**

Cassandra DeLeon, Chief Administrative Officer, Austin Public Health, reported on the total cumulative vaccine distribution in Travis County by age. In the 5-11 age group, 24,421 doses were administered, with 239 of those being fully vaccinated. These numbers are trending with national guidelines.

AISD Pediatric Vaccine Clinic locations and dates were provided, as well as efforts to educate and reach out to the community. Staff also shared survey results regarding parents' plans and attitudes regarding vaccinating their children, and what locations they are most comfortable having their children vaccinated.

There was no action taken on this item.

**V. WRITTEN REPORTS**

The committee received written reports on Child Care Investments from the City of Austin and Travis County.

**VI. STANDING ITEMS**

There was a brief discussion on the whether the by-laws should be amended to permit JSC committee members to be counted for quorum purposes if they participate virtually. Staff will discuss with their respective legal departments and report back to the JSC at its next meeting. There was no discussion on other standing items.

Staff will poll JSC members on availability for January 28 or January 31 for the next meeting.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm by AISD Board President Rodriguez.

## UPDATE

**TO:** The Joint Subcommittee of the City of Austin, AISD, and Travis County

**FROM:** Juan Ortiz, City of Austin, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Zach Baumer, City of Austin Office of Sustainability, Climate Program Manager  
Sherri Fleming, Travis County Executive for Health and Human Services  
Matias Segura, AISD Chief of Operations

**DATE:** January 21, 2022

**SUBJECT: Resilience Hubs Update**

On April 8, 2021, Austin City Council passed Resolution 20210408-028, which directs the City Manager to engage with the Office of Sustainability and other relevant City departments, school districts, and external partners on Resilience Hubs to 1) create a plan, budget recommendations, funding strategies, and a timeline for designing and equipping an initial six pilot hubs for disasters, including the necessary power and water redundancies, and 2) budget recommendations, funding strategies, and a timeline for creating a community-wide resilience hub plan sufficient to serve all Austinites during emergencies.

In the past decade, Austin has experienced climate change in the form of record-breaking heat, droughts, historic floods, and devastating wildfires that have taken lives, displaced community members, and stressed infrastructure. The extreme winter weather experienced during Winter Storm Uri can now be added to this list of devastating weather events.

Resilience Hubs are networks of community-focused physical facilities that usually provide day-to-day services that help build community resilience but can also be activated to provide community support during disaster events. Resilience Hubs are not a replacement for traditional emergency planning and disaster responses, or a replacement for sheltering plans. Resilience Hubs should work with, be a part of, and support the City, County, and Public Health Emergency Response plans. Resilience Hubs are not a cure-all for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery in Austin, but they can serve as an important piece in the puzzle.

City of Austin Staff has been collaborating with Austin Independent School District (AISD) and Travis County staff since fall of 2021, and recently added Austin Community College to the Resilience Hubs initiative core working group. The Joint Subcommittee last received a reported on this initiative on November 29, 2021. Below is a summary of recent activities. This initiative represents a robust collaborative amongst key Central Texas agencies, which we believe will yield a strong long-term program aimed at better preparing our community to respond and bounce back to extreme events.

Topic Area	Progress Update
<b>Leadership and Team Structure</b>	<p>Staff continues to meet regularly across agencies and partners to advance the Resilience Hub initiative. Four working groups have been created as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leadership Team:</b> Management from AISD, Travis County, City of Austin meet monthly to strategize timelines, progress, resources, and communications.</li> <li>• <b>Facility Planning:</b> Staff from all participating agencies are undertaking a robust planning process in preparation to select sites for an initial proposal. This process includes reviewing existing facilities, mapping assets and assessing potential sites in order to develop baseline conditions. The forthcoming proposal will include six Resilience hub proposed sites as well as needed building upgrades.</li> <li>• <b>Hub Activation:</b> Emergency management staff from all agencies are planning to create protocols for emergency communication and activation during events. The protocol will include resource acquisition, staff training needs and guidelines for activating Hubs during time of need.</li> <li>• <b>Community Involvement:</b> Staff are preparing for community discussions related to the 6 pilot sites with events, focus groups and individual engagement. The group will need to determine resource needs and what the community wants to see at the Hub in their neighborhood. It is important to remember that Hubs can support increased community resilience in all times, not only during disasters.</li> </ul>
<b>Resilience Hub Service Level Definitions and Site Assessments</b>	<p>Staff are now analyzing, mapping, and prioritizing facilities based on social vulnerability, population density and 15-minute walk sheds.</p> <p><b>Prerequisites</b> for a facility to be designated as a Resilience Hub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility can fulfill some or all of Service-level Criteria delineated for one of the 3 levels as defined below</li> <li>• Structure not exposed to identified natural hazards</li> <li>• Public access (designated hours open to the public)</li> </ul> <p><b>Resilience Hub Service-level Definitions</b> Based on facility capacity, detailed requirements have been developed for 3 service levels of Hubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 1: Gathering Hub</li> <li>• Level 2 (Level 1+) Relief Hub</li> <li>• Level 3 (Level 2+) Grid Independent Hub</li> </ul> <p><b>Potential Sites</b> Across agencies, the team has identified over a hundred facilities that are public facing and could be used as Resilience Hubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 57 City of Austin facilities</li> <li>• 131 potential AISD facilities (60 preferred)</li> <li>• 5 Travis County facilities</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Owned Facilities</b> Once gaps are confirmed, non-government locations may be needed to fill gaps in a City-wide network. Staff is researching best practices and models to create guidelines and processes to allow non-governmental entities to create their own Resilience Hubs, which some may refer to as “Hub in a box.” This work is in progress.</p>

<p><b>Community Advisory Committee</b></p>	<p>The team has received many inquiries from the Austin community on the concept of Resilience Hubs. Throughout these conversations, we learned that the community had many innovative ideas for what Hubs should and shouldn't be. There is a lot of energy and interest in supporting this initiative from the landscape of existing community-based organizations. A Community Advisory Committee has been launched to provide support and guidance to the project team. The group will meet every other month throughout 2022. Representatives from the following organizations have been invited to the first meeting on January 21, 2022.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. American Heart Association</li> <li>2. American Red Cross</li> <li>3. Ascension Seton</li> <li>4. Austin Achieve Public Schools</li> <li>5. Austin Area Urban League</li> <li>6. Austin Asian Community Health Initiative (AACHI)</li> <li>7. Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN)</li> <li>8. Austin Justice Coalition</li> <li>9. Austin Revitalization Authority</li> <li>10. Community Advancement Network</li> <li>11. Community Coalition for Health</li> <li>12. Community Powered Workshop</li> <li>13. Community Resilience Trust</li> <li>14. Go Austin Vamos Austin (GAVA)</li> <li>15. Guadalupe Neighborhood Dev. Corp</li> <li>16. Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA)</li> <li>17. Huston-Tillotson University (HT)</li> <li>18. Refugee Services of Texas</li> <li>19. Texas Association of Community Health Centers</li> <li>20. University of Texas (UT)</li> </ol>
<p><b>2022 Goals &amp; Benchmarks</b></p>	<p>The following goals have been set for 2022. We plan to report on progress on these goals throughout the upcoming year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Advisory Committee underway composed of representatives from nonprofit/community organizations</li> <li>• 6 initial Resilience Hub proposed locations identified</li> <li>• Community engagement underway to refine 6 initial Resilience Hub concepts/strategies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• End of 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 initial Resilience Hubs ready to be activated with supplies, training, public communications</li> <li>• Planning for four more Resilience Hub locations underway</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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