



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

Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, December 6, 2024  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
Austin Independent School District  
4000 S. IH-45 Frontage Road

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**Joint Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

**Austin (AISD) Independent School District**

Arati Singh, AISD Board Trustee, At-Large, Place 9, Board President

Noelita Lugo, AISD Board Trustee, At-Large, Place 8

Edna Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, and Policy Oversight

**City of Austin**

Alison Alter, Council Member, District 10

Jose Velásquez, Council Member, District 3

Ryan Alter, Council Member, District 5

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 at 11:35 a.m. by Trustee Arati Singh

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Travillion, moved and Commissioner Shea seconded the motion to approve the JSC meeting minutes from October 7, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING JSC MEMBERS**



The JSC recognized the service and contributions of JSC members Council Member Alison Alter, and Trustees Noelita Lugo and Ofelia Zapata, who did not run for re-election.

#### **IV. PROPOSITION A IMPLEMENTATION**

**TRAVIS COUNTY:** Korey Darling, Director, Research & Planning Division and Cathy McHorse, Planning Project Manager, both with Travis County Health and Human Services presented Travis County’s plans to implement Proposition A. Proposition A provides a 2.5 cent tax rate increase for Travis County that will generate over \$75 million to increase access to affordable and high-quality child care and afterschool/summer programming for low-income families. The presenters outlined strategies, structure and staffing, as well as community engagement, communications and key milestone targets.

**AUSTIN ISD:** Matias Segura, Superintendent and Jacob Reach, Chief Officer, Governmental Relations and Board Services updated the JSC on the number of school bond and tax rate increase propositions that passed and did not pass. The passage of AISD’s Proposition A will allow the district to provide raises to eligible employees, which will be retroactive to their FY 2024-25 start date. Passage of Prop A also decreases the District’s deficit budget.

#### **V. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Rick Ramirez, Intergovernmental Relations Deputy Officer, City of Austin; Julie Wheeler, Travis County Intergovernmental Relations Officer; and Edna Ramon Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations & Policy Oversight, AISD, presented their respective entity’s legislative priorities for the 89<sup>th</sup> legislative session.

#### **VI. STUDENT VOTING CLERKS – AISD and Travis County Collaboration**

Trustee Arati Singh informed the JSC members that 220 AISD students applied to work as student voting clerks, and 83 actually worked, earning \$20/hour. Every high school was represented. The 330 applications Travis County received from high school students across the county is 272 MORE than were received in 2020. Because Election Day was a holiday, students did not miss instructional time.

#### **VII. Standing Items (set at previous meetings)**

- a. Unfinished Business and New Business
- b. Future Agendas and Meeting dates: JSC members asked for updates on Prop A and the Legislature be provided at the next meeting.



**VIII. ADJOURNED at 1:29 PM**