



**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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Joint Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 28, 2020  
12:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Main Assembly Room  
721 Barton Springs Rd. Austin, Texas 78704

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**Joint Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

**Austin (AISD) Independent School District**

Geronimo M. Rodriguez Jr., Board President, Austin ISD, District 6

Jayne Mathias, Board of Trustees, Austin ISD, District 2

Edna Butts, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy Oversight

Arati Singh, Board of Trustees, Austin ISD, At-Large 9 (attendance as guest)

**City of Austin**

Steve Adler, Mayor

Alison Alter, Council Member, District 10

Christopher Shorter, Assistant City Manager

**Travis County**

Brigid Shea, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jeff Travillion, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Sherri Fleming, County Executive

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 12:44 p.m. by Board President, Geronimo Rodriguez

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Sue Carpenter (Chief Program Officer - United Way for Greater Austin): Spoke about future use of school sites and considering using Austin ISD facilities as community wide goals to meet the needs of families.

Austin, Travis County has three robust community plans:

- 1) Success by 6 early childhood education
- 2) Family opportunity road map- 2 generation solution
- 3) Master community workforce plan

All plans involve community input and data.

2. Michelle Bourianoff (President-Elect of Book Spring): Spoke about being a participant in Success by 6. Also supports the use of Austin ISD facilities for programs. Spoke about exploring options for secure and larger sites.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, November 8, 2019**

Trustee Mathias amended and noted that Trustee Singh was not a member of the Joint Subcommittee, but was a guest. Approved the minutes as amended. Commissioner Travillion seconded. Commissioner Shea mentioned not seeing in the minutes the need of better coordination between Austin ISD and the City of Austin with the land code changes. Needed to reflect more information about school closures. The minutes were amended to add the following to Update on AISD School Changes:

There was discussion on the need for coordination between the City of Austin and Austin ISD on the City's Land Development Code changes and Austin ISD's long range planning.

## **III. FY 202 BUDGET UPDATE**

Presentations were provided by Austin ISD, Travis County and the City of Austin, on their respective budgets.

**AISD-** Nicole Conley (Chief of Business and Operations) there were changes under HB3 that was put into law in the last legislative session. There are some current things that are affecting the budget such as, declining enrollment, especially in middle schools (not sure if this is trend).

**\$40 million in new needs, that are trying to be incorporated in this year budget that will be used for utilizing to balance the budget.**

\$100 million annual lost to charter schools.

**Travis County-** Travis Gatlin (Budget Director), the county funded through property taxes, 87percent ongoing revenue, 2.5 percent tax base growth.

Financial forecast/ past ten years have grown 3.3percent per year

911million in resources but only have available 878 million which would be \$33 million less of resources.

**City of Austin-** Ed Van Eenoo (Deputy Chief Financial Officer), on August 12, they will ask City Council for approval of the FY21 budget.

\$4.2 billion funds City of Austin Budget General Fund Budget and enterprise operations including: Austin Energy, Austin Water and Austin airport. 76% of budget (enterprise operations) 24% of budget (general fund)

General Fund helps fund: public safety, police, fire and emergency services (65 of percent general funds). General funds come primarily through, sales tax and property tax. The general funds budget included 15 million increase of taxes for one-time activities.

2020-21 Budget Initiatives- Fire and EMS, efficiency study, homelessness contracts performance review, strategic direction 2023 alignment pursuing new sources of general fund revenue and developing long term sustainability plans for the city's retirement systems.

Commissioner Shea had a question of what percent of recapture from Central Texas school districts is the total State recapture? **Per Nicole Conley Central Texas ISDS represent nearly 25 percent of all recapture. HB3 reduced recapture from \$3.6 billion to \$2.0 billion in the first year.** Commissioner Shea also wanted to know if they still increase recapture if Chief of Appraisals was not able to appraise resident property. Per Nicole, recapture will go up because most Central Texas schools' districts are going to collect more in taxes, \$40 million in new dollars to the state in recapture.

Per President Rodriguez, 12-15 states don't have real estate sales price disclosure laws. Per Nicole only two of the 12 have no income tax. President Rodriguez would like the JSC to discuss this at a later time.

#### **IV. UPDATE FOR THE U.S CENSUS**

John Lawler and Ron Robinson gave a presentation on the U.S. Census and efforts in Travis County.

Census is about an \$800 billion a year/ federal funds helps to cover things such as Medicaid, SNAP, Head Start, food and shelter programs.

20 percent of nation growth in the last ten years was in the State of Texas.

Can use help with tablets and laptops in the effort to get people to fill out the Census.

#### **V. FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS ANNUAL REPORT**

Susan Millea and Julie Weeks (Austin Voices for Education and Youth Family Resource Center), provided a report on Family Resource Centers.

There are 8 school-based resource centers within Austin ISD, and they are serving almost 4,000 families. Funding is provided as follows: Austin Voices (15 percent), AISD (23 percent), City (14 percent) and County (12 percent).

They would like an increase in support to help additional school districts.  
Trustee Singh would like to have data on student outcomes and how participation affects attendance.

**VI. STANDING ITEMS**

Land Devolvement Code and how it affects schools and change of time for JSC meeting,

**VII. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. by President Rodriguez.

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