

# Austin ISD School Health Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

*The SHAC may take action during the meeting if it relates directly to any agenda item discussed.*

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter or Staff Resource
6:00 p.m.	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Leah Kelly Belynda had a family emergency and was not in attendance	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair
6:05 p.m.	<b>Approval of the February 19, 2025 Meeting Agenda</b> Action amendments to add an introduction and feedback session by Trustee Fernando Lucas de Urioste and a presentation of the Finding Focus program. Motion: Ann Teich Second: Maria Solis Approval: Confirmed	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair
6:10 p.m.	<b>Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SHAC Members               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leah Kelly, Co-Chair</li> <li>○ Alana O'Malley</li> <li>○ Joan Eisenberg</li> <li>○ Francesca Leahy</li> <li>○ Ann Teich</li> <li>○ Juliette Owens</li> <li>○ Ryan Malone</li> <li>○ Mary Renfro</li> <li>○ Emma Thornton</li> <li>○ Nina Miller</li> <li>○ Maria Solis</li> <li>○ Dr. Michelle Gallas</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Board Trustee               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trustee Fernando Lucas de Urioste, At-Large Position 8</li> </ul> </li> <li>● AISD Staff               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Francina Hollingsworth</li> <li>○ Dr. Lashonda Lewis</li> <li>○ Alana Bejarano</li> <li>○ Stephanie Hebert</li> <li>○ Kari Hazard</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Recognition of guests               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Michael Mrazek</li> <li>○ Lyssette Galva</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Superintendent Greeting (if available)</li> </ul>	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair
6:15 p.m.	<b>Community Communications*</b> No Community Communications	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Implementation: Not widely used in AISD, ready for broader sharing</li> <li>● Funding: US Department of Education, private foundations</li> <li>● Effectiveness for Disabilities: Equally effective for all students, including those with ADHD</li> </ul>	
7:00 p.m	<p><b>Mental Health Legislative Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bills Discussed: Senate Bill 52, Senate Bill 207, Senate Bill 176, House Bill 2080, House Bill 2633 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senate Bill 52: Allows up to five excused mental health days per school year.</li> <li>○ Senate Bill 207: Grants excused absences for mental health-related appointments.</li> <li>○ Senate Bill 176: Allows school districts to partner with local mental health authorities to provide comprehensive mental health services.</li> <li>○ House Bill 2080: Establishes the designation of AWARE campuses with specific mental health criteria.</li> <li>○ House Bill 2633: Mandates one mental health professional per 600 students.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Importance: Addressing mental health challenges in schools and ensuring access to mental health services.</li> <li>● Advocacy Strategy: Individually contact state representatives and senators, especially those on House Appropriations or Senate Finance committees, to advocate for the funding-related bills.</li> </ul>	Lyssette Galvan, NAMI Central Texas Public Policy Director
7:20 p.m.	<p><b>Items from Members</b></p> <p>Brief announcements, suggestions for future topics, recognitions, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chairs must reconvene the mental health subcommittee to discuss and recommend legislative priorities.</li> <li>● Consensus vote by the committee for formally recommending bills to the trustees.</li> <li>● Michelle Gallas- AISD collaboration professorship application to the Council on Communication and Media</li> <li>● Updated overview of mental health services provided by the district</li> </ul>	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair

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7:30 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b> The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM CST.	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair
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### SHAC Resources:

- Additional instructions on how to give public comment at a SHAC meeting:  
<https://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/shac/meetings>
- Instructions on how to give public comment or public testimony at an Austin ISD Board of Trustees meeting: <https://www.austinisd.org/board/meetings>
- Instructions on how to register to testify at the Capitol: House / Senate Witness Registration:  
<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/hwrspublic/about.aspx>

### Upcoming meetings:

- March 12, 2025 (earlier than usual due to Spring Break)
- April 16, 2025