

Austin ISD School Health Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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

Meeting Location:

AISD HQ: 2nd Floor Room 221
4000 S. IH 35 Frontage Road
Austin, Texas 78704

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.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.	Francesca Leahy, Co-Chair
6:05 p.m.	Approval of the September 17, 2025 Meeting Agenda Austin Public Health is not able to present at this meeting. A motion was made to amend the agenda. 2nd received. Motion was approved. None opposed. None abstained. Leah Kelly reminded the council about completing the topic interest survey for this school year. She will email out the link again. A motion was made to approve the agenda with amendments. 2nd received. Motion was approved. None opposed. None abstained.	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair
6:10 p.m.	Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SHAC Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leah Kelly ○ Francesca Leahy ○ Mary Renfro ○ Dr. Juliette Owens ○ Nina Miller ○ Dr. Michelle Gallas ○ Alana O'Malley ○ Dr. Imee Del Mundo ● AISD Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Francina Hollingsworth ○ Yvette Cardenas ○ LaShanda Lewis ○ Alana Bejarano ○ Stephanie Hebert ○ Nissa Roark ● AISD Trustees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fernando de Urioste ● Recognition of guests ● Superintendent Greeting (if available) 	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair
6:15 p.m.	Community Communications*	Francesca Leahy, Co-Chair

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	Belynda Montgomery addressed the SHAC regarding the role of the SHAC. She reminded SHAC of its role in reviewing and approving sex education programming. She encouraged SHAC to make some recommendations regarding how to move forward with implementation of SB12 mandates.	
6:25 p.m.	<p>Reading and Approval of May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Leah Kelly has several edits and asked if it would be best to go through each recommended edit at this time or just make the fixes online. The edits are all minor corrections to spelling, capitalizations, etc. because of the use of an AI transcript.</p> <p>A motion was made to approve the minutes with the 17 small technical corrections. 2nd received. Motion was approved. None opposed. None abstained.</p>	Leah Kelly, Co-Chair
6:30 p.m.	<p>District Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Immunization Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alana Bejarano shared that all campus nurses are now back under AISD, with seven nurses left to hire. ○ Immunizations are still at the forefront. MMR vaccinations are still low for kindergarteners. Herd immunity is 95% and the district is at about 93%. ○ A question was asked about how that number looks at the campus level and if some campuses are more at risk than others. Ms. Bejarano explained that the “eastern crescent” of Austin is where they are focusing their resources because of lower levels. ● Mental Health RFP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. LaShanda Lewis shared that the RFP went out August 15, 2025; questions were due from the vendors by August 26, 2025; the district responded to those questions by August 29, 2025; and the RFP closed September 2, 2025. The AISD Procurement office has finalized the process and a top vendor was identified. That information will be sent to the Board of Trustees and they will vote in October. ○ A question was asked about how many responses there were. Dr. Lewis shared 	<p>Alana Bejarano, AISD Executive Director of Health Services</p> <p>Dr. LaShanda Lewis, AISD Executive Director of Student Support Services</p>

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	<p>that there were 4 vendors that went through the proper process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Another question was asked about the mental health training numbers. Dr. Lewis reminded the Council that HB 3 from the 2023 Texas Legislative session required that any district staff that regularly interacts with students must complete a mental health training course. The requirement was that 25% of staff had to be trained by the start of the 2025-2026 school year. AISD was able to train 65% of staff before the first day of school. ○ A question was asked about a grant that the district applied for to help pay for the mental health trainings. Dr. Lewis shared that they have not received an update on that grant and are not expecting to have an update until October or November. If that grant is not awarded, the district will not be able to implement the recommended Youth Mental Health First Aid program. ○ Dr. Lewis also shared that district leadership has started some preliminary conversations about how to navigate compliance with HB 3 with the new contradictory language from SB 12. ○ Dr. Lewis asked for the SHAC to provide recommendations on where the services from the RFP should be focused. Ms. Kelly agreed to reach out to Ann Teich, co-chair of the mental health committee, to discuss and would email a response to that question within 2 weeks. 	
6:40 p.m.	<p>Austin Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Not in attendance</i> 	Derrick McKnight, Public Health Program manager, Youth Development Services
7:00 p.m.	<p>Legislation Updates</p> <p>Legislative Update Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Edna Butts shared information about a variety of bills passed during the 89th Texas Legislative 	Edna Butts, AISD Director Intergovernmental Relations & Policy Oversight

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	<p>session that impact education and health. Bills discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB 1207 ○ SB 12 ○ SB 865 ○ SB 2398 ○ HB 549 ○ SB 25 ○ HB 1481 ○ SB 2 ○ HB 33 ○ HB 2/SB 568 	
7:20 p.m.	<p>Items from Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Another reminder from Leah Kelly for SHAC members to complete the survey regarding which topics they are interested in addressing this school year. ● Ms. Kelly also noted that the SHAC has open positions for districts 3, 5, 6, and 7, as well as a student representative and a campus administrator. She encouraged members to share information with anyone they know who might be interested. 	<p>Leah Kelly, Co-Chair Francesca Leahy, Co-Chair</p>
7:30 p.m.	<p>Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.</p>	<p>Leah Kelly, Co-Chair Francesca Leahy, Co-Chair</p>

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>

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