



# Austin ISD School Health Advisory Council Meeting Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

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

**Meeting Location: Meeting Location:**

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

## **In Attendance:**

### **SHAC Members**

- Leah Kelly
- Nina Miller
- Francesca Leahy
- Mary Renfro
- Ann Teich
- Alana O'Malley
- Juliette Owens
- Dr. Michelle Gallas
- Dr. Imee del Mundo

### **AISD Staff**

- Francina Hollingsworth
- Alana Bejarano
- Stephanie Hebert
- Dr. Lashanda Lewis
- Nissa Roark
- Brandy Gratten
- Yvette Cardenas

### **AISD Board of Trustees**

- Francisco de Urioste

## **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Council Co-Chair, Francesca Leahy

## **Approval of the October 15, 2025, Meeting Agenda**

- A motion was made to approve the agenda by Nina Miller. Seconded by Francesca Leahy. Motion approved. None opposed. None abstained

## **Community Communications**

- None

## **Reading and Approval of September 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

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- A motion to approve was made by Ann Teich. Motion seconded by Nina Miller. Motion approved. None opposed. None abstained

## **District Updates**

- Alana Bejarano, AISD Executive Director of Health Services, had no updates.
- Dr. LaShanda Lewis, AISD Executive Director of Student Support Services, provided an update on the Mental Health RFP:
  - Dr. Lewis shared that the mental health RFP was presented to the Board last week (Oct. 9) and will be voted on by the Board on Oct. 30th.
  - She thanked the SHAC Mental Health subcommittee for making recommendations for 4 campuses (Overton ES, Kealing MS, Eastside ECHS, and the Alternative Learning Center) to place mental health centers if the RFP goes forward.
  - Ann Teich thanked Dr. Lewis for the work on this RFP

*Due to timing, the MD Anderson Cancer research Aspire Program presentation was moved to after the vaping data presentation.*



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### Austin ISD Vaping Data Report

- Brandy Gratten, AISD Director of Discipline Standards and Accountability, gave an update on type (Marihuana/THC and E-Cigarette) and count of discipline referrals from 2024 to present day.

### MD Anderson Cancer Research Aspire Program - Tobacco Prevention Education

- Francina Hollingsworth introduced the program by asking SHAC members to use an evaluation form to vet the program to use in schools.
- Shumeka Johnson, Program Director, EndTobacco Youth Initiatives, Jennifer Cofer DrPH, MPH, CHES, Executive Director EndTobacco Program, and Briana Carter, Program Coordinator, ASPIRE, presented data regarding the toll of tobacco use in Texas and about the Tobacco prevention education program called ASPIRE.
  - The ASPIRE program is free and is aligned with both the national health education standards and the TEKS for health.
  - The online program takes about 3 hours for students to complete and both educators and students can receive gift cards or small gifts for their use.
  - There are no implementation plans in place for use in AISD yet.

### Items from Members

Co-Chair Leah Kelly opens the floor for any brief announcements, suggestions for future topics, recognitions, etc.

- Leah Kelly apologized for the technical challenges with the subcommittee participation survey; charges will be discussed at the November meeting
- Ann Teich shared about 2 programs that will be presented to SHAC in December and January
  - An abuse prevention program that is an immersive virtual reality that will be presented in December
  - an AISD student designed peer to peer depression support program will be presented in January
- Francisco de Uriste requested that SHAC members consider bringing in discussion about how the consolidation process may impact student health - mental health, resiliency, etc. - and provide input about considerations; members agreed to continue this conversation via email.
- Ann Teich and Leah Kelly explained that there are 11 open positions for SHAC members and asked for members to reach out to anyone they know to help fill those positions.

### Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:45