

Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Board of Directors:

Chair: Judge Nancy Hohengarten
Director: Stephen Strakowski
Director: Christopher Ziebell
Director: Craig Moore
Director: Douglas Smith
Director: Jana Ortega
Director: Deborah Hiser
Director: Bill Brice
Director: Andy Brown
Director: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo
Director: Commissioner Margaret Gomez
Ex-Officio: Travis County Roger Jefferies
Ex-Officio: Asst. City Manager Rey Arellano
Ex-Officio: Asst. Chief Jason Dusterhoft
Ex-Officio: Asst. Chief Jasper Brown
Ex-Officio: Asst. Director Stephanie Hayden

The Board of Directors of the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation was convened on June 14, 2017 at the Travis County Administrative Building, Conference Room 1506, Austin, Texas. The following items were considered by the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Board of Directors.

Board Members in Attendance: Andy Brown – Vice Chair, Douglas Smith - Treasurer, Deborah Hiser, Jana Ortega, Kathie Tovo, Stephen Strakowski, Christopher Ziebell, Roger Jefferies (proxy for Margaret Gomez) **Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:** Stephanie Hayden, Rey Arellano, Jasper Brown **Staff in Attendance:** Carol Drennan, Interim Executive Director **Guest:** Mark Escott, EMS System Medical Director; Raul Garcia, Cenikor; Anthony Marquardt, President Austin Travis County EMS Association.

1. Vice Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and noted that Roger Jefferies was serving as Proxy for Director Margaret Gomez.
2. Approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2017 Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center Board meeting.

Motion: Director Strakowski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Director Ortega. **Vote:** The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. General citizen communications.

There was no citizen communication to address the board.

4. Report from Dr. Escott and Jasper Brown, EMS Chief of Staff, about their visit to the Houston Recovery Center and an overview on the current situation in Austin.
Discussion ensued.

Motion Director Strakowski made a motion to establish a subcommittee to address the K2 and other substance issues as they relate to the Austin Travis County Sobriety Center LGC. Committee members are to be: Directors Hohengarten, Ortega, Ziebell, and Ex-

Officio Directors Jasper Brown and Jason Dusterhoft. **Second:** Director Ortega. **Vote:** The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

5. Interim Executive Director monthly report and financial overview.
6. Review Interim Executive Director contract. Article 1 TERM to be modified to read:
 - a. ... for the period commencing July 8, 2017 and ending January 10, 2018 (replacing January 10, 2017)...

Motion: Director Brown made a motion to approve the contract with the above noted modification. **Second:** Director Smith. **Vote:** The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

7. Update on Medical Examiner's building. Discussion ensued.
8. Review Identity Proposal from Carter Reddy and possible action.

Motion: Director Strakowski made the motion to accept the bid from Carter Reddy and to create an ad hoc subcommittee to work with the firm on brainstorming names. Committee members to be: Hohengarten, Ortega and Andy Brown and others to be named **Second:** Director Hiser. **Vote:** The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

9. Update on Search consultant process. Discussion ensued.
10. Update on 501©3 process. Board background handouts disseminated. Requested updated background be forwarded to the Interim Executive Director within a week.
11. Amendments to By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. Discussion around including a dissolution clause in each of these documents.

Motion: Director Ortega made a motion to approve the resolutions adopted by the City of Austin Council and Travis County Commissioners Court. **Second:** Director Hiser. **Vote:** The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

12. Discussion of summer board meeting schedule. Decision made to keep August board meeting as scheduled.
13. Discussion of Conflict of Interest policy. This item was tabled for further consideration at the July 12th board meeting.
14. Discussion of future agenda items. Advisory board, fundraising
15. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Motion: Director Brown made a motion to adjourn. **Second:** Director Strakowski. **Vote:** The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.