



WINTER STORM REVIEW TASK FORCE MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 29, 2021**

The Winter Storm Review Task Force convened a videoconferencing meeting Thursday, April 29, 2021 at City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sareta Davis called the Board Meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.**

Board Members in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen	Miriam Conner
Jeffrey Clemmons	Sareta Davis
Jonathan Franks	Aletha Huston
Manuel Jimenez	Kathryn Gonzales
Sally Van Sickle	

Board Members Absent: Ricardo Garay

Council Members in Attendance: CM Paige Ellis

Staff in Attendance:

Patricia Bourenane, Management Services	Brion Oaks, Equity Office
Kellee Coleman, Equity Office	Amanda Jasso, Equity Office
Joshua Robinson, Equity Office	Enakshi Ganguly, Equity Office
Rocio Villalobos, Equity Office	

Items for Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11, 2021

Vice Chair Rebecca Austen made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. And the motioned passed 9-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Welcome and purpose of the Listening Session by Chair Sareta Davis and Vice Chair Rebecca Austen. (Sponsors: Task Force Members Sareta Davis and Jeffrey Clemmons)**

Chair Sareta Davis invited Equity Office staff, including Kellee Coleman and Amanda Jasso to share.

Chair Davis motioned to suspend Roberts Rules of Order. **Task Force Members Kathryn Gonzales and Miriam Conner** seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

Task Force Members Kathryn Gonzales indicated that it is helpful having the ASL interpretation.

b. Listening Session – community members and organizational representatives provide testimony on their experiences during and in that aftermath of Winter Storm Uri. (Sponsors: Task Force Members Sareta and Jeffrey Clemmons)

Council Member Ellis shared testimony about her office’s experience during the winter storm. The Task Force listened to four community members about their experiences during and in the aftermath of the winter storm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Chair Sareta Davis** requested that Amanda Jasso provide direction on who helped the most with marketing of the Budget meetings. In addition, she mentioned that TF Members need to reach out to their organizations to participate in the listening session. Lastly, she indicated moving away from the focused Council District approach for the listening sessions.
- **Task Force (TF) Member Aletha Huston** indicated it was good to have Council Members attend and they should continue to invite them to attend the listening sessions.
- **Vice Chair Rebecca Austen** indicated that they should encourage department heads such as Police, Fire, Public Health, to attend. Chair Davis indicated that the focus is to hear from the community
- **TF Member Miriam Conner** indicated that the Task Force should talk to heads of departments inquired if there is a phoneline for individuals to call in during the Task Force meetings and asked if the listening session is streamed on Facebook live.
 - **Chair Davis** indicated that the meeting is live on ATXN and the meeting is in compliance with Open Meetings; therefore, there are restrictions.
- **TF Member Aletha Huston** indicated that it would be good to contact City departments.
- **TF Member Kathryn Gonzales** indicated focusing on two Council Districts is problematic and that it would be ideal adding the naming convention such as, “Listening Session 1 of 5” to inform the public and indicated interest in hearing from City departments. Requested to review prior ATXN meetings that City departments participated in.
 - **Patricia Bourenane, Staff Liaison**, indicated the following: the City could perform strategic marketing/promoting to specific Council districts, the Resolution outlined that the Task Force under Open Meetings Act, and that the Resolution didn’t call for

the Task Force to hear from department but rather community members at listening sessions.

Chair Davis made the motion to removing District specific headings from future meetings. The motion passed 9-0.

- **Chair Davis** indicated that at the debrief session the Task Force can discuss how they might engage City departments. She inquired with Patricia Bourenane if the caption, such as “Listening Session – 1 of 5” may be included. Patricia indicated that it would be included moving forward.

After Task Force Member discussion of schedules, the Task Force voted to confirm May 14 and May 28 as potential meeting dates, with marketing and outreach. The motion passed 9-0. Staff Liaison informed the board that she would reserve May 14th (6-8pm) and May 28th (6-8pm) for Task Force meeting dates. In addition, staff would inquire about a potential meeting date the week of June 6th.

- **TF Member Miriam Conner** indicated radio 88.7 and Spanish is necessary and committed to updating the Task Force on progress.

The Task Force voted to secure May 25th (3-5pm) as a back-up date and the motion passed 9-0. The Staff Liaison confirmed that she would place a request for the time.

Chair Davis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m., **Vice Chair Austen** moved to second and the motion passed 9-0.

Adjourn @ 8:14 p.m.