



WINTER STORM REVIEW TASK FORCE MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Friday, May 7, 2021**

The Winter Storm Review Task Force convened a videoconferencing meeting Friday, May 7, 2021 at City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Rebecca Austen called the Board Meeting to order at **10:07 a.m.**

Board Members in Attendance:

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| Rebecca Austen | Jeffrey Clemmons |
| Jonathan Franks | Ricardo Garay |
| Kathryn Gonzales | Aletha Huston |
| Manuel Jimenez | Sally Van Sickle |

Board Members Absent: Ricardo Garay

Staff in Attendance:

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| Patricia Bourenane, Management Services | Joshua Robinson, Equity Office |
| Enakshi Ganguly, Equity Office | Rocio Villalobos, Equity Office |

Citizen's Communications

Chad Rittenberry shared his experience during the winter storm.

Items for Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 7, 2021

Task Force Member Sally Van Sickle made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, TF Member Aletha Huston seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss Listening Session input and plan for next Listening Sessions.
(Sponsors: Task Force Members Jeffrey Clemmons and Aletha Huston)

TF Member Aletha Huston inquired if anyone captured the meeting notes from the April 29th listening session. **TF Member Jeffrey Clemmons** indicated that he captured notes and would share with the group.

TF Clemmons walked the Task Force through his detailed meeting notes captured from the April 29th meeting.

TF Van Sickle indicated that the Task Force should group the themes of input received similar to Council Member Casar's input.

TF Huston indicated that she is struck by shelters not letting people stay overnight. **TF Manuel Jimenez** said sending out messages to the community about preparedness, targeting lower-income communities, providing financial support so that everyone is prepared for future events. **Vice Chair Austen** stated it's important to reach communities in their languages in the way most accessible

TF Member Huston non-profits should be working with City and enhancing communications between both. **TF Member Kathryn Gonzales** stated there is a need for increased partnership between non-profits and City but also instances where City was working against efforts, blocking access to water and would like to know the thought process, why are we preventing folks to have water.

Staff Liaison, Patricia Bourenane indicated she would provide the meeting links regarding winter storm discussions with Council and City departments.

TF Member Jonathan Franks indicated transportation was hit hard and not able to be provided, and it impacted the blind community. Encouraged task force members to reach out to the community with disabilities and issues with blind media outlets specifically goes out to those media outlets.

There was discussion about meeting format. **TF Member Clemmons** supports suspending Robert's Rules and that it's helpful discussing amount of time allotted to speakers and being able to ask questions. There was also mention of rotating the task of note taking. **TF Member Clemmons** indicated he will start integrating themes moving forward.

TF Member Ricardo Garay inquired if people may submit videos as a way of input. The SpeakUpAustin website provides an option to upload videos. **TF Gonzales** inquired if the next meetings messaging will include the "2 of 5" to ensure the community is aware that there are multiple opportunities.

Rocio Villalobos indicated connecting the recommendations to the Resilience Hubs, and the Reimaging Public Safety Task Force recommendations. **Vice Chair Austen** indicated that they can pass recommendations through the Joint Inclusion Committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **TF Member Clemmons** indicated he can create a graphic for the task force for social media.

- **TF Member Franks** requested a description of the graphic.

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.