




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Stephanie Y. Hayden, LMSW, Director 

**DATE:** March 4, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Interim Health Authority (Council item no. 23 – March 12, 2020 Council Agenda)

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This memorandum pertains to item #23 on the March 12, 2020 City Council Agenda, to approve extending the appointment of Mark Escott, M.D. as Interim Health Authority and designation of Jason R. Pickett, M.D. as Alternate Health Authority through September 30, 2020.

Dr. Escott, Interim Health Authority is designating **three** Alternate Health Authorities with this recommendation; the original Recommendation for Council Action (RCA) designates **one** alternate health authority. Designating three alternates will ensure continued oversight on current and emerging health issues. Dr. Escott is designating Dr. Jason R. Pickett, Dr. Ming Tang, and Dr. Jonathan MacClements as the alternate health authorities.

As noted in the RCA, under state law (Health and Safety Code Section 121.029), the Health Authority may delegate any power or duty imposed on the health authority to a properly qualified physician to act while the health authority is absent or incapacitated. The physician designated by the health authority must meet all of the qualifications noted in the RCA. Dr. Jason R. Pickett, Dr. Ming Tang and Dr. Jonathan MacClements meet all the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority.

If you have any questions, or if I can provide additional information, please contact me at (512) 972-5010 or via email at [Stephanie.Hayden@austintexas.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Hayden@austintexas.gov).

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