



**WINTER STORM REVIEW TASK FORCE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, May 14, 2021**

**The Winter Storm Review Task Force convened a videoconferencing meeting Friday, May 14, 2021 at City Hall 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

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

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Jonathan Franks  
Ricardo Garay

**Staff in Attendance:**

Patricia Bourenane, Management Services	Kellee Coleman, Equity Office
Ena Ganguly, Equity Office	Amanda Jasso, Equity Office
Rocio Villalobos, Equity Office	

**Citizen's Communications**

None

**Items for Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 7, 2021**

**Task Force Chair Sareta Davis** made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, **TF Member Jeffrey Clemmons** seconded, and the motion passed 9-0.

**2. OLD 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)

**b. Listening Session – community members and organizational representatives provide testimony on their experiences during and in that aftermath of Winter Storm Uri.**

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Eight community members shared their experiences with the Task Force. There were various issues, such as fire, no financial support from the City, renter's assistance, water issues, and tragic carbon monoxide deaths and that all Council Members should be in attendance and they should hold a large-scale feedback session.

**TF Member Kathryn Gonzales** mentioned hearing about residents not having access to water and hearing that there are issues with AFD is intriguing. **TF Member Jonathan Clemmons** stated that the task force should look at if assistance is being provided to individuals suffering from PTSD and trauma. **TF Member Miriam Conner** inquired if the City can provided assistance to the speaker stating there was an apartment fire.

**Staff Liaison Patricia Bourenane** indicated she would follow-up with the community member requesting additional information regarding financial support and the apartment fire.

**TF Members Clemmons, Davis and Gonzales** remarked that there should be more resources for staff, that there be appropriate mental health support services. **TF Member Molly Wang** indicated if there are any city resources offering counseling for those affected by the storm.

**Staff Liaison** indicated she shared via email the graphics **TF Member Clemmons** created to promote the listening sessions.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Chair Davis** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., **TF Member Miriam Conner** moved to second and the motion passed 9-0.

**Adjourn @ 8:00 p.m.**