



**WINTER STORM REVIEW TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

The Winter Storm Review Task Force convened a videoconferencing meeting Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

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

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent: Ricardo Garay, Molly Wang

Staff in Attendance:

Patricia Bourenane
Amanda Jasso

Citizen's Communications

There were no speakers.

Items for Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 18, 2021

Staff liaison indicated that the Task Force would not be approving meeting minutes at the meeting but would be approving meeting minutes at the debrief session. Chair Sareta Davis indicated that the item be struck from the agenda.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Welcome and purpose of the Listening Session.

(Sponsors: Task Force Members Sareta Davis and Jeffrey Clemmons)

Council Member Vanessa Fuentes shared the impacts the winter storm had on her district's constituents in her district and gave thanks to the Task Force for their work.

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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The Task Force listened to testimony from seven speakers, which provided an opportunity for TF Members to ask follow-up questions for additional information. Testimony spanned topics including, impacts on hotels and lodging, winterizing streets, impacts of climate change has on energy, critical/non-critical facility needs, plumbing issues and damages to homes, enhance communications as though there is no electricity such as text messages and implement hotline, encouraging resilience through onsite power at Austin Energy and initiate comprehensive disaster planning with the greater community to create an evergreen document.

Task Force Member Aletha Huston indicated that equity needs to be at the core of all planning and work moving forward.

Chair Sareta Davis made the motion to schedule the report planning meetings on July 9th and July 23rd, both 9-11am. Task Force Member Jonathan Franks seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Vice Chair Rebecca Austen read written testimony from 10 individuals who submitted input to the Task Force.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm, Vice Chari Austen seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Adjourn @ 8:13 p.m.