



**WINTER STORM REVIEW TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Friday, July 9, 2021**

The Winter Storm Review Task Force convened a videoconferencing meeting Friday, July 9, 2021 at City Hall 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Rebecca Austen called the Board Meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Rebecca Austen
Ricardo Garay

Miriam Conner
Aletha Huston

Jonathan Franks
Sally Van Sickle

Board Members Absent: Jeffrey Clemmons, Sareta Davis, Kathryn Gonzales, Manuel Jimenez, Molly Wang

Staff in Attendance:

Patricia Bourenane
Ena Ganguly

Citizen's Communications

None.

Items for Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 25, 2021

Vice Chair Austen motioned to adopt meeting minutes, TF Member Sally Van Sickle seconded and the motion, and the motion passed 6-0.

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Planning and preparation for Task Force's final report and Council Work Session presentation.

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3. NEW BUSINESS

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Vice Chair Austen read feedback from a speaker from a previous listening session and the Task

Force discussed her testimony. TF Members indicated that the testimony is being discussed during working group meetings, who are including it as a part of the final report.

TF Member Aletha Huston indicated that the Task Force is charged with drafting a summary of the testimony they have heard to date, however, should not leaning towards endorsing specific opinions. Vice Chair Austen agreed with TF Member Huston's perspective.

The Task Force reviewed the Chair Davis' draft report and talked through elements to include in the document such as inequities, access to transportation, warming centers, families with children, water/food and sanitation items, impacts to the food supply, resources for social workers, and summary of recommendations.

TF Huston indicated she would review the draft report and will send feedback to the Task Force. Vice Chair Austen made a call to all Task Force members to review the draft report and send feedback by early next week. Chair Austen ask TF Members to submit photos, graphics and videos to be incorporated into the report to better illustrate the impacts of the winter storm. TF Member Jonathan Franks requested that when sending in photos, graphics and videos, that members include a short descriptive summary for accessibility purposes. TF Member Miriam Conner indicated she would send the Task Force the report on community resiliency.

Staff liaison indicated that she would provide the total of speakers for each listening session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Austen adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Adjourn @ 10:33 a.m.