



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022**

**The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a special called meeting on Friday, March 11, 2022 in Austin, Texas.**

Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler called the Board Meeting to order at 8:09am.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Vice Chair Lea Downey Gallatin, Kergin Bedell, Jason English, Kate Garza, Jocelyn Schwartz, and Andrew Williams.

Staff in Attendance: Pete Valdez, Judge Coffey, Robert Kingham, Lauren Stott, Laura Williamson, Edna Staniszewski

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Jeff Steinley – item #4Aiii (comparison between Old Municipal bldg. vs. Waller bldg.)
- Chris Harshbarger – item #4Aiii (comparison between Old Municipal bldg. vs. Waller bldg.)
- Hanan Levy – item #4Aiii (comparison between Old Municipal bldg. vs. Waller bldg.)
- Joell McNew – item #4Aiii (supports Waller bldg)

**1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

- Commissioner Jason English moved to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Kate Garza seconded the motion. Motion passed by 7-0 vote.

**2. AUSTIN HOMELESSNESS SYSTEM CLIENT FEEDBACK**

Individuals sharing first-hand account regarding their experiences being served through Austin's homelessness system. Speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will be allowed a three-minute allotment to provide their feedback to the Board.

- Thomas Woodward – Participant at the VioletKeepSafe program and explained how his belongings were stolen from his bin. The gentleman who stole his belongings is no longer in town, he estimates his belongings worth \$3,500.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. FY23 Budget Recommendations (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin) – Pete Valdez, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)**

- Commissioner Jason English motioned to accept the recommendation. Vice Chair Lea Downey Gallatin seconded the motion. Motioned passed 7-0.

- B. Election of new officers with term for newly elected officers (Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin)
  - Robert Kingham, Court Operations Manager, Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)
    - Nomination to elect Vice Chair Lea Downey Gallatin as Chair. Commissioner Kate Garza made the motion to approve. Commissioner Jason English seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 vote.
    - Nomination to elect Chair Darilynn Cardona-Beiler as Vice Chair. Darilynn stated she would be comfortable with a term end as Vice Chair that would end in six months. Commissioner Andrew Williams stated he can fill in until the end of the year. Commissioner Kate Garza made the motion to approve. Commissioner Jason English seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Status of DACC operations during COVID-19, changes in operations, any new trends noticed. Cardona-Beiler/Downey Gallatin) – Robert Kingham, Court Operations Manager, Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)
  - i Rapid Rehousing efforts, staffing and housing placement
    - Serve 100 by end of year housed 57 out of 65
  - ii Court dockets
    - Continue virtual and person dockets
    - Not scheduling jury trials nor confirming warrants
  - iii DACC facility update
    - Pete Valdez – Council will meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss renovation of the facility if they plan to relocate there or not. Council member Tovo asked to provide a comparison study.
    - Darilynn will send her Council member the comparison that was presented today.
  - iv Violet Keep Safe Program
    - Capacity was 250
    - Expansion can serve 445 but are at 438

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Update on Intensive Case Management program evaluation project
- B. Update on homelessness mapping initiative
- C. Summary from staff, Austin Public Health, Municipal Court and Homeless Strategy Office on expansion of jurisdiction

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am