



CITY OF AUSTIN
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MINUTES

POLICY COMMITTEE

Public Meeting held in-person and videoconference

Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127

4700 Mueller Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX

March 5, 2026 – 10:15AM

Committee Members

Diana Thomas, Committee Chair

Dick Lavine, Vice-Chair

Michael Benson

Kelly Crook

Ben Ellinor

Other Board Trustees

Anthony Ross

Kennard Wright

Kaz Wojtewicz

(Jie Li)

(Ed Van Eenoo)

(Krista Laine)

Staff

Christopher Hanson

Russell Nash

Shawna Santos

Jenni Bonds

Ricardo Carlos

David Stafford

Michelle Mahaini

Yun Quantanilla

David Kushner *

Guests

Paige Saenz, General Counsel

* Present telephonically

† Present via videoconference

(Absent)

1. Call roll of Committee members – Committee Chair Thomas

Committee Chair Diana Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:49AM. The following Committee members were present in person: Thomas, Lavine, Benson, Crook, Ellinor.

2. Review order of business and meeting objectives – Committee Chair Thomas

Committee Chair Thomas reviewed the order of business and meeting objectives with the Committee. There were no changes to the order of business for the meeting.

3. Receive public comments – Committee Chair Thomas

Committee Chair Thomas asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak, either now or during an agenda item. There were no comments.

4. Consider approval of the November 17, 2025 Policy Committee minutes – Committee Chair Thomas

Committee Chair Thomas asked the Committee to review the Policy Committee minutes. Mr. Michael Benson motioned the approval of November 17, 2025 Policy Committee minutes as presented and Ms. Kelly Crook seconded. The Committee motion passed unanimously.

5. Review 2026 Policy Committee Work Plan - Christopher Hanson

Mr. Christopher Hanson presented the 2026 Policy Committee Work Plan. The Committee noted no concerns or requested any changes.

6. Receive report on 2025 administrative budget – Christopher Hanson

Mr. Hanson presented the 2025 administrative budget and answered the Committee's questions.

7. Receive report on 2026 Board policy review cycle – Christopher Hanson

Mr. Hanson presented the 2026 Board policy review cycle and noted the Board policies to be reviewed in 2026. The Committee noted no concerns or requested any changes.

8. Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items – Committee Chair Thomas

Committee Chair Thomas summarized the actions taken and the information discussed during the meeting. She asked for any future agenda items and there were no further items to address.

Committee Chair Thomas adjourned the March 5, 2026 Policy Committee meeting at 10:56AM.

Approved at the August 28, 2026 Policy Committee meeting