

# Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance Meeting Record

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**Note:** This meeting was conducted via videoconference to comply with a social distancing mandate during a declared state of disaster.

**Meeting Date:** February 25, 2021

**Convened:** 1:35 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 3:25 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Casey Thomas, Chair  
Tennell Atkins  
Jennifer S. Gates  
Cara Mendelsohn  
Jaime Resendez  
Omar Narvaez

**Committee Members Absent:**

David Blewett

**Other Council Members Present:**

N/A

## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER (1:35 p.m.)**

#### **1. Approval of the February 11, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance Meeting Minutes**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** A motion was made to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance meeting. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Jaime Resendez

Motion seconded by: CM Jennifer S. Gates

### **BRIEFING ITEMS WITHOUT ACTION**

#### **A. Dallas Independent School District COVID-19 Updates**

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Michael Hinojosa, Superintendent of Schools, Dallas Independent School District (DISD)

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Superintendent Dr. Hinojosa provided updates on pandemic support for students and faculty, the extended school year model, reimagining summer break, providing quality education to students, various efforts to mitigate learning loss, and more. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions about providing support to DISD for vaccine registration and outreach. CM Atkins requested that City staff reach out to Superintendent Dr. Hinojosa's team to coordinate and support vaccine registration efforts. Information only.

#### **B. COVID-19 Vaccine, Testing, and Data Update**

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Phil Huang, Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services; Dr. Timothy Bray, Director, Institute for Urban Policy Research, University of Texas at Dallas; Travis Houston, Senior Emergency Management Specialist, Office of Emergency Management

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** The region's health experts gave updates on COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and data efforts in the City of Dallas and Dallas County. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions about COVID-19 prevalence ( $R_0$ ), how COVID-19 is impacting children, how many doses of the vaccine the City had received for that week, operations at the Fair Park and The Potter's House vaccination sites, efforts for mobile vaccination, and improving communications between the City of Dallas and Dallas County. Information only.

### **BRIEFING MEMOS WITHOUT ACTION**

#### **C. COVID-19 City of Dallas Vaccine Distribution Dashboard**

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Brita Andercheck, Director, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Dr. Andercheck provided a brief overview of the City's Vaccine Distribution Dashboard, which can be accessed [here](#). Chair Thomas requested that she e-mail the link to the dashboard to all Councilmembers. Information only.

**D. Update on City of Dallas Ongoing Efforts to Address COVID-19 Health Access Disparities**

**Presenter(s):** Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Chief of Equity and Inclusion, City Manager's Office

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** There was no discussion on this item. Information only.

**E. Monitoring and Enforcement of Current City Emergency Regulations and Executive and County Orders**

**Presenter(s):** Carl Simpson, Director, Code Compliance Services

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** CM Resendez asked questions about what efforts Code Compliance Services is taking to get people registered for the vaccine in various zip codes across the city. CM Gates discussed the need to build a vaccine registration and distribution strategy that removes barriers and leverages trusted relationships to overcome fear or distrust of the vaccine and government. Information only.

**ADJOURN (3:25 p.m.)**

**APPROVED BY:**

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Casey Thomas, Chair  
Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19  
Recovery and Assistance

**ATTESTED BY:**

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Sommer Iqbal, Coordinator  
Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19  
Recovery and Assistance