



# CAN Board of Directors Meeting

8/8/25 Minutes

**Location:** Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Present:** **Chris Cervini**, Austin Community College; **Korey Darling**, (for Pilar Sanchez, Travis County HHS); **Simone Talma Flowers**, Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT); **Mike Gerber**, Housing Authority of Central Austin; **Suchi Gururaj**, UT Austin; **Daniel Hatcher**, (for Austin City Council Member Natasha Harper Madison); **Kimberly Holiday**, Pflugerville Mayor Pro Tem; **Laura La Fuente**, Austin Public Health; **Jeremy Martin**, Austin Chamber of Commerce; **Andy Miller**, One Voice Central Texas; **Regan G. Moffitt**, St. David's Foundation; **Amy Price**, United Way for Greater Austin; **Sona Shah**, Community Council; **Jeffrey Travillion**, Precinct 1 Commissioner, Travis County; **Fernando de Urioste**, Board of Trustees, Austin ISD; **Tamey Williams-Hill**, Manor ISD.

**Other guests:** Patricia Longoria, CAN Community Council; Ara Merjanian, CAN Community Council

**CAN Staff in attendance:** Raul Alvarez, Jelina Tunstill, Carlos Soto

**Call To Order, Welcome, and Introductions:** Executive Director Raul Alvarez called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm and welcomed folks in attendance. Brief introductions by those present followed.

**Minutes:** The June 13, 2025, Board meeting minutes were approved after a motion submitted by Commissioner Travillion was seconded by Chris Cervini. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Community Council Report:** Sona Shah mentioned that the series of forums the council has been planning will begin taking place soon. The first forum is scheduled for September 17 at the Carver Library from 6:00 to 8:00 on the topic of social capital. The second forum is scheduled for October 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM (location TBD), on the topic of barriers to economic mobility. Sona encouraged people to invite folks to the events, which will include food and are a good opportunity for networking. Several members offered suggestions for locations including Travis County, HACA, and UT.

**Executive Director's Report:** Raul shared an overview of the events CAN will be hosting in September and October. These include the "Creating a Welcoming Community" luncheon on September 15, the Community Council's "Building Community Forum: The Power of Connections – Taking Social Capital to the Bank" on September 17, the Data & Research Round-Up on October 8, another Community Council forum on "Paving the Way for Economic Mobility" on October 21, and a weekly "From Dialogue to Action: Taking Action to Address Racial Disparities" event taking place every Tuesday in October. Because of the busy September and October, it might be a good idea to have our retreat in November. The second Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, can work well. Members agreed the date would not conflict with their schedules.

**CAN Dashboard Indicator Recommendations:** Raul introduced this section with a summary of what the dashboard indicator review project consists of and why we began working on it. This included a timeline that begins in 2016 with our Deliberative Dialogues on bridging the Economic Divide. This was followed by an overview of the actions the Board has taken regarding Education indicators at previous meetings (keep Kindergarten Readiness once 3 years of data are obtained, add 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Completion). One of the educational metrics recommended by the Dashboard Steering Committee was College credit-bearing course completion. An alternative metric (College, Career, and Military Readiness) from the District Scorecard was suggested at that last board meeting. Because the TEA CCMR metric is available for every school, district, and region and the state as a whole, it was found to be the better alternative to a CCMR indicator that was specific to Austin ISD. A motion to add the TEA CCMR measure as an indicator to the CAN Dashboard was submitted by Jeremy. The motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Travillion, passed unanimously.

Because there is additional work that needs to be done before these new indicators can be published in this year's Dashboard Report (such as determining targets for the new indicators and goal statements for the new issue areas),

CAN staff is recommending the publication of a standalone report that highlights issues relating to economic mobility. The report would draw from different sections of the CAN Dashboard and include other data suggested by the DSC, CAN Board and CAN Executive Committee at previous meetings. A motion to publish an Economic Mobility report alongside the Dashboard Report was submitted by Jeremy. The motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Travillion, passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.