CITY OF AUSTIN
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Public Meeting held in-person and videoconference
Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127
4700 Mueller Blvd., Suite 100, Austin, TX 78723
Wednesday, December 3 , 2025 @ 1:30 PM

Committee Members	Other Board Trustees	Staff
Kelly Crook, Chair	Diana Thomas	Christopher Hanson
(Yuejiao Liu, Vice Chair)	(Michael Benson)	Russell Nash
Dick Lavine	(Ben Ellinor)	Shawna Santos
	(Michael Granof)	Jenni Bonds
Guests	Chris Noak	Mehrin Rahman
Paige Saenz, General Counsel	Anthony Ross	David Kushner*
Eddie Solis, HillCo Partners	(Krista Laine)	Ricardo Carlos
		Michelle Mahaini*
		Immanuel Smith

* Present telephonically
† Present via videoconference
(Absent)

1. Call roll of Committee members – Committee Chair Crook
Committee Chair Kelly Crook called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. The following Committee members were present in person: Crook, Lavine.

2. Review order of business and meeting objectives – Committee Chair Crook
Committee Chair Crook 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 Crook
Committee Chair Crook 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 June 12, 2025 Legislative Committee minutes – Committee Chair Crook
Committee Chair Crook asked the Committee to review the June 12, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting minutes and requested a motion. Mr. Dick Lavine moved approval of the June 12, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting minutes as presented and Committee Chair Crook seconded. The Committee motion passed, 2-0.

5. Receive report on Legislative Interim matters – Christopher Hanson

Mr. Christopher Hanson presented a Legislative interim matters report on ongoing federal matters. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Eddie Solis answered the Committees questions.

6. Discuss and consider governmental relations consultant report and agreement – Christopher Hanson

Mr. Hanson reported on the relationship COAERS has held with HillCo since 2018. He noted that he will do a final review with General Counsel but Staff recommends the consulting agreement to the Board for approval.
Mr. Lavine moved to refer to the Board for approval with placement on the consent agenda the government and public affairs consulting agreement as presented with HillCo pending final approval by General Counsel as amended and Committee Chair Crook seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

7. Discuss and consider Legislative Committee Charter – Christopher Hanson

Mr. Hanson informed the Committee that the Legislative charter to up for renewal. The Committee did not have any questions or concerns.
Mr. Lavine moved to refer the Legislative Committee Charter to the Board for approval with placement on the consent agenda and Committee Chair Crook seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

8. Development on draft 2026 Committee Work Plan – Christopher Hanson

The Committee reviewed the 2025 Committee Work Plan and discussed the draft 2026 Benefits and Services Committee Work Plan.

9. Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items – Committee Chair Crook.

Committee Chair Crook 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.

Chair Crook adjourned the December 3, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the June 11, 2026 Legislative Committee meeting.