



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

The proposed Council action amends the Declaration of Trust of the San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT) to designate one of the six Community positions on the SAHT and SAHT Foundation for the President of the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) Board of Trustees or their designee.

SUMMARY:

The proposed Council action amends the Declaration of Trust of the San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT) to designate one of the six Community positions on the SAHT and SAHT Foundation for the President of the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) Board of Trustees or their designee. This item also appoints SAISD President Christina Martinez or her designee to the SAHT Board of Trustees as a “Community Trustee” and the SAHT Foundation Board of Directors as a “Community Director”, for a term beginning June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2028.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT) creates and preserves housing that is affordable, accessible, attainable, and/or sustainable. The 11-member board includes 5 City Council Members, 6 Community Members, and 1 City Manager designee. The same eleven board members serve on

the SAHT, SAHT Foundation, SAHT Public Facility Corporation, and the Facility Corporation. The officers are also the same for each of the four boards. During discussions with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) on the downtown baseball project, SAISD expressed a desire to be more engaged on issues regarding affordable housing and in response the City is recommending that an SAISD representative serve on the SAHT and SAHT Foundation.

ISSUE:

The composition of the Board of Trustees of SAHT and the SAHT Foundation will be changed to designate a position on the SAHT Board of Trustees and the SAHT Foundation Board of Directors specifically for the President of the Board of Trustees of SAISD or their designee. Both positions will be voting, and the designation change will be effective on June 1, 2025. This item will also appoint the current President of the Board of Trustees of SAISD, Mrs. Christina Martinez, or her appointed designee, to the new positions for SAISD on the SAHT Board and SAHT Foundation Board with a term beginning June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2028. The Council appointment of Mrs. Martinez or her designee will not be subject to the nomination process for the appointment of Community Trustees and Directors. Anyone serving in that position after the initial appointment will not be subject to the nomination process however, their appointment would require approval by City Council in the same manner as all other council appointments for the SAHT and SAHT Foundation are made. The President of the SAISD Board of Trustees may appoint a designee, however the designee must be either another member of the SAISD Board of Trustees or the current acting SAISD Superintendent. Additionally, the SAISD community designee will not be able to serve as an officer of the Board of Trustees.

The purpose of the SAISD position is to serve as the representative for all San Antonio School Districts and it is expected that the SAISD designee will disseminate and share information with the other San Antonio School Districts. Furthermore, the City and SAHT will review the effectiveness of the position at the end of this first year.

Existing Governance Structure for SAHT, SAHT Foundation, PFC, FC	Amended SAHT Governance Structure (Trustees)	Amended SAHT Foundation Governance Structure (Directors)	Amended PFC and FC Governance Structure (Directors)
5 City Council Members (voting)	5 City Council Members (voting)	5 City Council Members (voting)	5 City Council Members (voting)
6 Community Members (voting on SAHT and SAHT Foundation, Advisory for PFC and FC)	6 Community Members of which 1 shall be the President of the SAISD Board of Trustees or their Designee (voting)*	6 Community Members of which 1 shall be the President of the SAISD Board of Trustees or their Designee (voting)*	6 Community Members (advisory)**
1 City Manager designee (advisory only)	1 City Manager designee (advisory)	1 City Manager designee (advisory)	1 City Manager designee (advisory)

*SAISD Representative is not eligible to serve as an officer of the board.

**If a Community Member is elected to an officer position, the Community member is allowed to vote.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may decide not to approve the recommended changes which will result in the composition of the Board of Trustees remaining in effect as is.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council amend the SAHT Declaration of Trust. The recommended amendment modifies the composition of the SAHT Board of Trustees and SAHT Foundation Board of Directors to require that one of the six Community Member positions be the President of the SAISD Board of Trustees or their designee. The item also appoints President Christina Martinez or her designee to the SAHT Board of Trustees as a “Community Trustee” and the SAHT Foundation as a “Community Director”, for a term beginning June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2028.