



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court November 16, 2023 Special Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on November 16, 2023, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dyana Limon-Mercado County Clerk, was represented by Deputies Lola Ogunro and Gillian Porter.

Present: County Judge Andy Brown
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

Clerk's Note: The members of the Commissioners Court discussed the voting session being held by video conference and that several Commissioners are not physically present.

MOTION: Each Commissioner not physically present delegates the authority to Commissioners Precinct 2 Brigid Shea to sign any documents, including orders related to items before the court today on their behalf.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: On the arrival of the County Judge another motion was made for the County Judge to sign on behalf of Commissioners not present.

MOTION: Each Commissioner not physically present delegates the authority to the County Judge to sign any documents, including orders related to items before the court today on their behalf.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court announced that Sec. 67.004. PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL CANVASS. (a) At the time set for convening the canvassing authority for the local canvass, the presiding officer of the canvassing authority shall deliver the sealed precinct returns to the authority. The authority shall open the returns for each precinct and canvass them as provided by this section. Two members of the authority constitute a quorum for purposes of canvassing an election.

Agenda Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on an order canvassing election returns and declaring results for the November 7, 2023 Travis County Bond Election. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dyana Limon-Mercado, Travis County Clerk

Bridgette Escobedo, Director, Elections Division, Travis County Clerk's Office

MOTION: Waive the reading of the precinct by precinct results and accept the order canvassing the bond election returns.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed reconsidering the Motion for Item 1.

MOTION: Reconsider the motion in Item 1.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

MOTION: Waive the reading of the precinct by precinct results and accept the order canvassing the bond election returns.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

2. Consider and take appropriate action on order canvassing election returns and declaring results in Travis County for the November 7, 2023 Special Constitutional Amendments Election. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dyana Limon-Mercado, Travis County Clerk

MOTION: Waive the reading of the election results and accept the order canvassing the Constitutional Amendments election.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed reconsidering the Motion for Item 2.

MOTION: Reconsider the motion in Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

MOTION: Waive the reading of the election results and accept the order canvassing the Constitutional Amendments election.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. Receive update on completion of the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Melinda Mallia, Natural Resources Program Manager, Transportation
and Natural Resources (TNR)
Linda Laack, Park Land Manager, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Receive briefing on Development Services Process Update

Members of the Court heard from:

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-
Range Planning, TNR
Shawn Snyder, Division Manager, Development Services, TNR

Teresa Calkins, Division Manager, Engineering, TNR
Craig Starcher, Strategic Business Consultant, Front Line Advisory
Group

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge