



# **Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 14, 2025 Voting Session**

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## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order on January 14, 2025, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dyana Limon-Mercado County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Lola Ogunro.

Present: County Judge Andy Brown  
Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

## **Public Communication**

Members of the Court heard from:  
Richard Franklin, Travis County Resident

## **County Announcements**

*Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.*

## **Consent Motion**

**MOTION:** Approve Consent Items 2, 7, 10, 11 (Budget Amendment O1), 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.a, 17, 18, and 19.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

## Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing January 2025 as National Stalking Awareness Month in Travis County. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kirsha Haverlah, Social Services Director, Travis County Attorney's Office  
Lizbeth Tristan, Attorney, Travis County Attorney's Office  
Erika Moore, Director, Education and Prevention, Title IX Office, University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)  
Caitlin Sulley, Director, Research and Operations, Institute of Domestic on Violence and Assault, UT Austin  
Ryann Grindstaff, Program Manager, Victims Advocate Network, UT Austin

**MOTION:** Approve Item 1.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

## Auditor

2. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)  
**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

## Emergency Services

3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:
  - A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

- B. County response to natural disasters or other emergencies (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services  
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Peter Torgrimson and Chuck Alexander to the Emergency Services District (ESD) #4 Board of Commissioners for a term effective from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. (Commissioner Shea)

**MOTION:** Approve Item 4.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Steve Hudson to the Emergency Services District (ESD) #9 Board of Commissioners for a term effective from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. (Commissioner Shea)

**MOTION:** Approve Item 5.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

6. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Vicky Linsalata, Mitchell Jones, and Mike Howe to the Emergency Services District (ESD) #17 Board of Commissioners for a term effective from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

**MOTION:** Approve Item 6.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an interlocal agreement with the Eanes Independent School District (Eanes ISD) to make the ISD an Associate Member of the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS).

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

## **Health & Human Services**

8. Receive an update on new social service investments in the Supportive Services for Community Living issue area. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Korey Darling, Division Director, Health and Human Services  
Kathryn Austin, Director, Family Health Services, Any Baby Can  
Richard Bondi, Meals on Wheels  
Sofia Barbato, Director of Supportive Services, Foundation Communities  
Caleb Alford, Director, Community Services, The Arc of the Capital

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

### **Innovative Justice & Program Analysis**

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Travis County and The University of Texas at Austin - Dell Medical School in support of mental health diversion center development. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

**RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

### **Planning & Budget**

10. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
11. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

*Clerk's Note: No action was taken on Budget Amendment A1. Budget Amendment O1 was approved on consent.*

### **Purchasing**

12. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
13. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400006901 with TreeFolks, Inc. for Native Plant Exchange Program. (TNR) (Commissioner Travillion)
14. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400007640 with The Spirit of Cam Foundation for Peer Support Specialist Services. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

15. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400004916 with RVE, Inc., dba RVI Planning + Landscape Architecture + Graphic Design, in the amount of \$385,683.31, for the design of the Gilleland Creek Greenway Improvements, Section 1 Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)  
**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Technology & Operations**

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)  
**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Transportation & Natural Resources**

17. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve the TNR Road & Bridge Fiscal Year 2025 Work Plan. (Judge Brown)  
**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
18. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, to receive comments regarding the temporary restriction of all traffic and detour along Siesta Shores Dr. from the intersection with Rod and Gun Club Rd. to approximately 3,500 feet Northeast beginning on or about Monday, March 3, 2025, and continuing through Monday, October 6, 2025, or until work is complete, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)  
**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
19. Consider and take appropriate action on the Traffic Mitigation Agreement between Millrose Properties Texas, a Texas liability company, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the Wong Tract development, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)  
**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Other**

20. Receive update regarding procedural rules and processes for public comment on Commissioners Court Agenda items and take appropriate action. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Hector Nieto, County Executive, Public Information Office

**MOTION:** Move forward with adopting a new call-in process for public comment on Commissioners Court Agenda items and revisit the new process later for revision, if necessary.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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## Executive Session

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

*Note 1: Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney*

*Note 2: Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property*

*Note 3: Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters*

*Note 4: Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security*

*Note 5: Gov't Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations*

*Note 6: Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security*

*Note 7: Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberation by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body*

*Note 8: Gov't Code Ann 551.089, security personnel/critical infrastructure*

21. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County security and information security issues.<sup>1,4 & 6</sup> (Commissioner Travillion & Howard)

*Judge Brown announced that Item 21 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Gov't. Code Ann. 551.076, Security, and Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.*

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

22. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding proposed Chapter 56 in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, relating to reporting requirements for District Attorneys and County Attorneys presiding in a district or county with a population of 500,000 or more persons.<sup>1</sup> (Judge Brown)

*Judge Brown announced that Item 22 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.*

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**Adjourn**

**Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court**

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Date of Approval

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Andy Brown, County Judge