



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court February 11, 2025 Voting Session

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 11, 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 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Public Communication

Clerk's Note: There were no speakers for Public Communication.

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12.a-d, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.a-c, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.a, and 29.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: Judge Brown reannounced the consent items. The Court then took another vote on the consent items.

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12.a-d, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.a-c, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.a, and 29.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing the week of March 2nd - 8th, 2025 as Women in Construction Week in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing the week of February 17th - 22nd, 2025 as Barbara Jordan National Forum Week in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kennedy Simon, Graduate Student, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT at Austin
Brianna McBride, Policy Advisor, Office of Commissioner Anna Howard,
Precinct 3

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of February 7th - 14th 2025, as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Auditor

4. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

5. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of December 2024 from the County Auditor's Office. The reports are submitted electronically as allowed by local government code §114.023 (a) and prescribed by the County Auditor. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

6. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:

A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Aaron Anderson to the Board of Commissioners of Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 13 for the term February 2025 through December 31, 2026. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 7.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion, Margaret Gómez

8. Approve setting a public hearing for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, to receive comments on the proposed issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for the Luck Reunion event, scheduled to take place on March 13-14, 2025, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX 78669. (Judge Brown)

Note: In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 751.007, only Judge Brown will take action on this item.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Discuss and consider candidate(s), including Gary Howell, for the position of Travis County Fire Marshal for a 90-day term effective February 25, 2025, and take appropriate action regarding the duties, performance, and appointment of that position, and approve and bond for the Fire Marshal for that term.

(This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.074 Personnel Matters exception and Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify a grant subaward for Recovery Support Peer Services to the Austin/Travis County Sobriety Center d/b/a The Sobering Center. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with Worksource – Greater Austin Area Workforce Board DBA Workforce Solutions for the provision of Early Childhood Care Services and Wage Stipends. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Korey Darling, Division Director, Health and Human Services, HHS

Hilda Rivas, Sr. Planner, HHS

MOTION: Approve Items 11.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Intergovernmental Relations

12. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, letters of support, memorandum of understanding, and permissions to continue:

A. Letter of Intent to apply for the Springboard Prize for Child Welfare solicited by The Aviv Foundation for \$400,000 in the Community Legal Services department

B. Letter of Intent and a resolution for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program solicited by the Office of the Governor for \$200,000 in the Information Technology Services department, which includes a \$40,000 match

- C. Letter of Intent to apply to the Energy Assistance Program solicited by the Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative for \$12,000 in the Health and Human Services department
- D. Resolution to apply for the Specialty Courts Grant Program, Fiscal Year 2026 solicited by the Texas Office of the Governor for \$153,000 in the Health and Human Services department. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 13. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Integral Care Board of Trustees. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 13 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Reappoint Ed Calahan to the Integral Care Board of Trustees for a term to expire on September 30, 2026.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

- 14. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Accept all four candidates for interviews and open the call for another tenant, with the added language change.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Planning & Budget

- 15. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 16. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the County Judge to sign a TEFRA certificate approval for tax-exempt financing to be undertaken by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation for the benefit of the Westminster Manor. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

18. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve order exempting the purchase of maintenance, support and services from AB Sciex, in the amount of \$44,379.03, from the competitive procurement process pursuant to County Purchasing Act Section § 262.024(a)(7)(A) and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase order. (Medical Examiner's) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400007990 with Killeen Glass & Mirror, Inc., in the amount of \$407,450.00, for Impact, Security, and Solar Window-Film, Door Replacements, and Partitions from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(A)(2). (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400005591 with NFP Corporate Services (TX), LLC, in the amount of \$94,950.00, for benefits consultant services. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve the following contract awards for Residential HVAC Services, IFB No. 2411-003-TL, as needed, to the qualified bidders: (Health & Human Services)

- A. Contract No. 4400007775, Piatra Inc., Residential HVAC Services
- B. Contract No. 4400008041, ABH Pros LLP, Residential HVAC Services
- C. Contract No. 4400008042, Agility Heating & Air, LLC, Residential HVAC Services (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve Purchase Order 4100242126 for the modernization and upgrade of the elevators at 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701, in the amount of \$3,404,218.00, from SW Elevators, LLC through the 791 Purchasing Cooperative offered by Region 15 Education Services Center (ESC). (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. Approve order exempting the purchase of sixteen new doors at the Lavaca Parking Garage from Cothron's Safe and Lock, Inc., in the amount of \$55,060.98, from the competitive procurement process pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(A)(2) and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue Purchase Order. (Facilities Management) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
25. Declare items surplus property and sell at public auction pursuant to Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Declare items surplus property and sell at public auction pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
27. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the exception to Budget Rules to allow the purchase of food and beverages for a do not exceed amount of \$300.00. Existing Department resources will be used to cover these costs that are associated with hosting the Purchasing Office Vendor Conference on March 6, 2025. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

28. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a request from the City of Pflugerville to authorize the annexation of portions of Steger Lane and Cameron Road, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

30. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County security and information security issues.^{1,4 & 6} (Commissioner Travillion & Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 30 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

31. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Austin Light Rail Phase 1 Project.^{1&2}(Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

32. Consider and take appropriate action on an agreement for the purchase of private property totaling approximately 23.3 acres of undeveloped land located between Burleson Road and Onion Creek, west of U.S. 183 South in Travis County, and within Precinct Four.^{1&2} (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

MOTION: Move that the Court extend the contract term as discussed in Executive Session.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

33. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action related to real estate issues regarding the property located at 2501 South Congress Ave., Austin, Texas, and future actions impacting property.¹ & 2 (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

34. Receive briefing on recent federal actions affecting grants.¹

Judge Brown announced that Item 34 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

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge