



# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court December 4, 2025 Special Voting Session

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## Call to Order

Meeting called to order on December 4, 2025, 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 Alicia Tovar.

Present: County Judge Andy Brown  
Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
Virtual: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

## Public Communication

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

## Agenda Items

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

Members of the Court heard from:  
Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office

**MOTION:** Use the questions from Integral Care and add a seventh question that relates to how the candidate sees themselves working with Travis County on the mental health diversion effort.

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

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

Members of the Court heard from:  
Jeff Frost, Interviewee #1  
Kristen Ylana, Interviewee #2

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

2. Receive briefing and take appropriate action on Public Policy Research Institute's Public Defense Study. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:  
Geoff Burkhart, County Executive, Community Legal Services  
Bradley Hargis, Executive Director, Capital Area Private Defender  
Service (CAPDS)  
Adeola Ogunkoyede, Chief Public Defender, Travis County Public  
Defender's Office

*Clerk's Note: The public comment period for this item was limited to two minutes per speaker.*

Members of the Court heard from:  
Steven Weintraub, Travis County Resident  
Amy Kraizman, Travis County Resident  
Annette Price, Member, Grassroots Leadership  
Lora Ann Gerson, Member, Advocates for Social Justice  
Maria Emerson, Travis County Resident  
Tamara Needles, Judge, 427<sup>th</sup> District Court  
Betty Blackwell, President, CAPDS Oversight Board  
Melissa Shearer, Director, Mental Health Public Defender Office  
Andrea Marsh, Chair, Public Defender's Office Committee  
George Naufal, Associate Research Scientist, Texas A&M University

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

3. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding recent district boundaries and impacts to Travis County precincts. (*This item may be taken into executive session under Texas Government Code, § 551.071 Consultation with Attorney*). (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:  
Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental  
Relations Office  
Beth Stevens, Attorney, Marziani, Stevens, & Gonzalez PLLC  
John Lawler, Division Director, Elections, Travis County Clerk's Office  
Chris Davis, Division Director, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector's  
Office

Tommy Miller, GIS Manager, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office

Janet Malzahn, Attorney, Law Office of Janet Malzahn

Amy Kraizman, Travis County Resident

Steven Weintraub, Travis County Resident

*Judge Brown announced that Item 3 would be further considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.*

**MOTION:** Move to approve Election Precinct Boundaries Proposed Plan for 2025 ("2025 Plan"), which includes the additional changes to Precinct 100 and Precinct 108 as included in the backup. If the United States Supreme Court takes action which makes the 2021 congressional map operational for the 2026 elections, Travis County will revert back to the 2021 election precinct boundaries which will ensure compliance with relevant laws.

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

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

## Adjourn

## Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

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Date of Approval

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Andy Brown, County Judge